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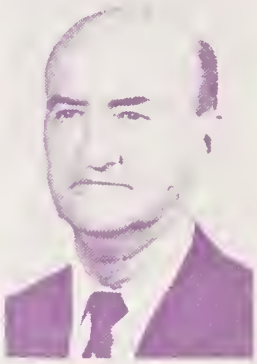
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



After reviewing the accomplishments of T.N.A. under the guiding hand of E. H. Brooks, I am beginning to wonder why I let myself undertake such a tremendous job and responsibility.

May I first thank everyone who placed such confidence in me by electing me to serve as T.N.A. president and I will endeavor to take on and fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Since taking over as president, I have begun to realize what a Texas giant T.N.A. has grown to be; and I am more aware that I will need the assistance and cooperation of every member and club if we are going to keep T.N.A. moving forward as it has continuously since 1960.

I wish to devote my first message to the the promotion of our T.N.A. Memorial Library.

Just how many of us realize that we have a library the size that we have? I also wonder how many of us realize the number of hours of hard work that have been donated by John Eads, Jr. and Hirsh Schwartz, along with many others, in getting such a fine start on the library.

Although we are way out front on the library — it isn't going to do any of us much good if we don't take advantage of it. As bad as it sounds, five persons during 1964 took advantage of the vast storehouse of knowledge contained in these 127 volumes now in the library. Let's all get behind this library project.

It is very simple to obtain a book or books from the library. Just drop a line to our new librarian, Wally Gilmore, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596, telling him the book you want. It will be on its way to you immediately. All it costs is the postage both ways.

And as the old saying goes, "It is better to give than to receive," so let's look around and find a book to give to the T.N.A. library or make a suggestion to the library committee and the purchase will be made.

To give T.N.A. members the best possible and most comprehensive coverage of the 1965 convention, it has been necessary to give that coverage in two issues of the TNA News. Next month — more convention highlights and complete text of the talks by the panel of speakers. Editor.

Please Note: Members who do not want their names published in the yearbook, please notify the T.N.A. secretary by June 1. The new secretary's address is 1441 N. Mockingbird, Abilene, Texas 79605. And her name is Mrs. Beth Geiger - get acquainted.

To Keep The Records Straight: Direct the following to the secretary, Mrs. Geiger . . . .

1. Request for application blanks and other materials.
2. To submit application for membership, renewals and reinstatements including payment for same.
3. To submit notice of address changes and to call attention to errors in same.
4. Request for information of a general nature.

Direct the following to the editor, Mrs. Wally Gilmore . . . .

1. To submit articles, news items, clippings and all other material for publication.
2. To submit advertising copy, including payment for same, and requests for contract advertising forms.
3. Request for information pertaining to the publication.
4. Notification of failure to receive monthly copy.

Direct requests for specific information to the officer or chairman who is directly concerned.

Please address all of your correspondence to the proper office, thereby giving all of the officers a better chance for better service. Sending mail to the wrong person only delays the processing. Thank you.

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Currency Comptroller Visits Texas-Mexico

James J. Saxon, Washington, D.C., Comptroller of the Currency, recently visited in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. His one-day visit included a dinner party given by the Valley Bankers Association.

Saxon was enroute home from a meeting of the Mexican Bankers Association held in Mazatland, Mexico.

John C. Jones of La Feria, president of the Valley Association, said "as far as I know this is the first time a Comptroller of the Currency has ever visited the Valley."

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Convention Photos

Anyone wanting copies of convention photographs, please write direct to: Ann Shanks, 3138 Westgard Lane, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Corpus Christi T.N.A. Convention Whirl of Special Attractions and Activities Drawing a Record Crowd of Over 5,000 Visitors . . . .

Convention Parade

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Floyd Covill New T. N. A. President

Floyd E. Covill of McCamey was elected president of the Texas Numismatic Association at the three-day convention held in Corpus Christi March 26, 27, 28 at the Robert Driscoll Hotel. Hosting the seventh convention were the Corpus Christi and Liberty Coin Clubs assisted by clubs located in the District Eight area. Joe B. Davis was general chairman with Lee Behannon and Clarence Davis as co-chairmen.

Serving with Covill will be Weldon Surber, San Angelo, first vice-president; Bob Bridges, Corpus Christi, second vice-president; Mrs. Beth Geiger, Abilene, secretary; and Stanford Kennady, San Antonio, treasurer.

District governors elected were Jack Hendrix, Ft. Worth, one; Louis Goodwin, Odessa, two; Mrs. Homer B. Casey, San Angelo, three; John Hill, Temple, four; Bill Manewall, Dallas, five; Lloyd Buss, Port Arthur, six; Frank O'Sullivan, San Antonio, seven; Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi, eight; R. E. Medlar, Lubbock, nine; and Charles R. Vice, El Paso, ten.

Appointed to other duties by the new president were Mrs. Wally (Miriam) Gilmore, Weslaco, TNA News editor and publicity director; Holland Wallace, San Antonio, youth chairman; Wally Gilmore, librarian; Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, La Marque, historian; John T. Barrett, Waco, parliamentarian; George Mather, Corpus Christi, A.N.A. representative; E. H. Brooks, San Angelo, convention coordinator; and Bob Bridges, membership chairman.

The round of convention activities began Thursday evening at a reception in the Flamenco Room honoring visiting dealers and their wives. Friday morning found 30 guests at Brunch in the Rincon Room to hear Matt Rothert, Camden, Ark., first vice-president of A.N.A., speak on the four ways to collect coins, currency and medals.

The Outrigger's Room was filled Saturday morning with over 90 T.N.A. members and guests for the annual governor's and club representative's breakfast where general discussions were held on new ideas for the hobby and the existing problems on the entire numismatic scene.

Sixty persons attended the group luncheon held in the Rincon Room when Frank O'Sullivan spoke on the women portrayed on ancient coins. Highlighting the convention program was the educational forum Saturday night in the Hemisphere Room where 175 persons gathered to hear Mrs. Margo Russell, Sidney, Ohio talk on the past, present and what we wish for the numismatic hobby; and Clyde

Hubbard Mexico City, on the eight reales of the Mexican Republic, carrying out the convention theme of "Good Neighbors." E. H. Brokos, retiring T.N.A. president, introduced the speakers and gave a short review on the history of T.N.A.

A record attendance of 120 were present for the Sunday morning awards' breakfast with Davis, general chairman, presiding. Special guest speaker was Charles "Cab" Atkins of Centralia, Mo. Clarence Davis presented the film "A Trip Through the Denver Mint" to the T.N.A. Memorial Library. The purchase of the film was a project initiated by the Liberty Coin Club with donations from other South Texas clubs.

Mrs. Homer B. Casey was presented with the Lewis Reagan Memorial award given to the T.N.A. member contributing the most to Texas numismatics the previous year. Hirsh Schwartz, Schulenberg, received the K.K. Tidwell Literary award for the article of highest merit published in the TNA News. Schwartz was the author of "The History of the One Dollar Bill," which appeared in the July issue of the News. Honorable mention went to Charles Robinson, III, San Benito, for his article on "Salting Guatemala;" M. D. Turner, San Benito, "Collecting of Foreign Crowns;" and Mrs. Gilmore, "Canada's Commemorative Coins."

Winners in the youth project, based on points won by the entrant during the year by exhibiting at shows throughout the state, were Larry Tester, San Angelo, first; Billie Johns, Houston, second; and Ronnie Poff, San Angelo, third. Mrs. Chris Johns, in charge of junior activities, made the presentation.

The annual Bill and Chris Johns special junior exhibit award went to young Robinson. Miss Johns presented it for her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Johns have sponsored the special award for three years.

Joe Davis received the Harvey Brims special exhibit award on Mexican coins and presentation was made by Mr. Brims. The special honor was introduced for the first time at the Corpus Christi convention and may not be won by the same exhibitor two years in succession.

Lee Behannon, exhibit chairman, presented the winning trophies to exhibitors with Mrs. Shirley Strough, Houston, capturing best in show, and also first in medals and tokens. In United States coins, Wayne Stotler, Corpus Christi, placed first; H. A. Redman, Odessa, second; and W. A. Lewis, Odessa, third.

Taking first in paper money was Alvin E. Nauman, San Antonio; second, Bob Medlar, Lubbock; and Mrs. Nancy Weigand, Corpus Christi, third. Louis R. Goodwin, Odessa, placed first in coins prior to 1500 A.D., and in coins after 1500 A.D., Floyd Covill, took first; Joe Davis, second; and Mrs. Gladys Robbins, Corpus Christi, third. Louis H. Harrison, Beaumont, won first in gold coins.

In the specialized group, Dr. Melvin H. Wolk, San Antonio, received first; William Rust, Wichita Falls, second; and Mrs. Augusta Folda, Corpus Christi, third. Junior winners were Michael Leonard, Harlingen, first; Robinson, second; and Paula Schwartz, Schulenberg, third.

Trophies for non-competitive displays were presented to Wendell Morningstar, Radnor, Ohio, wooden money; O'Sullivan, ancient coins; Schwartz, U.S. money; Redman, "V" nickel proofs; and Covill, gold coins of the world, and U.S. commemoratives.

Davis, convention chairman, was

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REPORTS OF T.N.A. OFFICERS . . . .

First Vice-President: Dr. John H. Swanson

Texas youths who were mentioned nationally as having been active in numismatics are: Bellaire, Vicki Bernholz, Bill Burton, Joe Thrash; Wichita Falls, Mark Prothro; Conroe, Billie Johns, Lester Tofte, Marilyn Walters; Houston, Linda Johns; Fort Worth, Karen Stitler, Ledell Medley, Elizazbeth Timmons; Big Spring, Lynn Kirby, Cathy Kirby, Guy Teague. This is the largest number of children receiving recognition from any state, and appears to exceed the number listed from all other 49 states combined.

Mention was made last year of an article on participation by children of the activities at Mt. Pleasant, where children conduct one of the programs, business session as well as bourse. Certain other clubs — Big Spring being an example, are now doing the same thing. Recently a boy of high school age who had been active on the youth program of last year conducted the auction of the Greater Houston Coin Club, and he also gave the program for one of the south side (Houston) clubs. Longview is permitting more youth participation than ever before. Apparently we are having more participation on the part of our youths, and this participation is of better quality than it has been in the past.

There has been numerical decreases in number of children and youths attending some of the clubs. In East Texas this has been attributed to a toughening of the school system in recent years.

At the last meeting the writer mentioned intention to provide one new book per month, stressing those which would be of special interest to the currency collector. Those collected for that purpose during the year are: Criswell—Confederate & Southern States Currency; Gayton-Utberg-Paper Money of Mexico; Raymond Toy—World War II Military Currency; Kappen & Mitchell—Depression Scrip of the United States; Hayashi & Craig—Money History of Japan (Original & in Translation); Wismer—New York Obsolete Paper Money; Bowen—State Bank Notes of Michigan; Board of Gvoernors—Federal Reserve System; Wismer—Old Paper Money of Ohio; Musealus—Paper Money in Sheets (with accompanying price list); Howard — Canadian Bank Notes; Orden—Medals of the Waldorf-Astoria Collection in Munich.

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Second Vice-President: Floyd E. Covill

Since my primary duties as second vice-president have been as membership chairman, I will dwell solely upon this in my report.

At the beginning of the 1964 membership year, our numbers were as follows:

745 paid up members
72 paid up clubs
123 delinquents

At the beginning of the 1965 membership year, our numbers were as follows:

959 paid up members
93 paid up clubs
163 delinquents

As you can readily see, this represents an increase of an average of about 30%. Our life members increased to 22, which is about a 66-2/3% increase. I believe that we have had one of our best years from a membership standpoint that T.N.A. has ever had.

As in the past years, the recruiting of new members has fallen on the shoulders of a very few of the old

reliable workhorses. I hope these workhorses live forever! However, I have every reason to believe that some of the new officers and governors will be a ball of fire!

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Secretary: Mrs. Homer B. Casey

1964 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Membership year closed December 1, 1964 with the following record:

Members in good standing:	
Regular	801
Associate	86
Junior	24
Chapter	89
Total	1000

Membership loss for 5 year period, 1960 through 1964:

Individual members lost by death	28
Individual members lost by resignation	21
Individual members lost by incorrect addresses	19
Individual members dropped for non-payment of dues	227
Clubs dropped for non-payment of dues	8
Clubs disbanded	3
Members rejected	2
Total	308

INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES

1 Framed Charter
1 TNA Hand Seal
2 TNA seal cuts for printing
1 Four-drawer steel filing cabinet with lock and key
2 Two-drawer steel index card files
8 Steel coin cases
2 Robert's Rules of Order
2 Portable file boxes with lock and keys
1 Storage box for back-date records
1 Bohn Rex electric mimeograph machine and accessories
1 Tape Recorder
1 Convention table cover

Miscellaneous materials: T.N.A. stationery, membership and club representative cards, membership application forms, governors and club representative bulletins, youth program bulletins, six reams of mimeograph paper, chapter member certificates, convention packets, achievement award certificates, etc.

Eight coin cases purchased in San Anotnio have not been located after loaning them to the Corpus Christi Coin Club in 1961. If these are ever found, they are to be given to various junior clubs as noted in the minutes.

Soon after the 1964 annual board meeting, I marked and mailed new maps to all board members, giving the new district ten and moving the lines to show changes requested by the Odessa and Midland Coin Clubs as recorded in the minutes.

The 1964 yearbooks were printed and mailed to members in May, 1964, with 750 members and 72 chapter members listed. The last new members listed were Nos. 1089 and C-88. We have 810 paid up members and 88 paid up chapter members for 1965 as of March 23, 1965.

For the 1965 election, 818 ballots were mailed. There was 515 members voting.

I wish to express my appreciation to each of you for your cooperation and help during my second term as your secretary. Our association is still growing fast. I have enjoyed this second year as much as the first. I am proud of being a part of such a wonderful organization. I extend my very best wishes and offer my full cooperation and help to our new secretary, Mrs. Beth Geiger. Thanks to all of you, it has indeed been a pleasure to serve as your secretary.

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Treasurer: Freeman L. Craig

28 February 1965

The Governing Board
Texas Numismatic Association
Gentlemen:

We have examined the accompany-

ing Annual Report of the TNA Treasurer as of the end of the fiscal year, 28 February 1965, the Treasurer's ledger of cash transactions, his monthly bank statement, and related records of cash receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year just ended.

The accounting records of Texas Numismatic Association are maintained and the statements mentioned above are prepared on a basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements; therefore, amounts receivable for membership dues, advertising and other income are not recorded in the accounts until payment is received. Similarly, liabilities for expenses and capital items art not recorded in the accounts until payment is made. Also, it is the policy of the Association that capital expenditures, e.g. the display cases, the mimeograph machine, the tape recorder and the TNA Memorial Library books, are not recorded as assets, in the TNA Treasurer's books.

Our examination was made in accordance with our understanding of generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Scope of Examination

Our examination of the cash transactions included the following:

(1) Cash balances in the bank as confined directly to us by depositaries were reconciled with amounts shown in the accounting records of the Association.

(2) Receipts recorded in the accounting records were traced to deposits on the bank statements.

(3) Tests were made of cash disbursements by reference to vouchers and other supporting data. Cancelled checks returned by the bank were examined and compared with the cash disbursement records.

Opinion of the Auditing Committee

Based on our examination, as previously outlined under the caption "Scope of Examination," in our opinion the accompanying statement represents fairly the cash of the Texas Numismatic Association on 28 February 1965, and the cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

WILLIAM W. BEUHLER, JR.
FRANK J. VILAGI

Annual Report of the TNA Treasurer as of the end of the Fiscal Year, 28 Feb. '65

Balance on hand as of 29 February 1964		$3,153.44
Receipts:		
Dues:		
8 Life Members @ $50	$ 400.00	
239 New Members @ $5	1,195.00	
603 Member Renewals @ $3	1,809.00	
20 New Chapter members @ $5	100.00	
82 Chapter member renewals @ $3	246.00	
8 New Junior members @ $3	24.00	
13 Junior member renewals @ $1	13.00	
88 Associate members new and renewal @ $1	88.00	
		3,875.00
TNA News advertisements		1,436.06
Miscellaneous income:		
Sales of convention packets and TNA News	$ 5.45	
Refund from Medallic Arts Co. (1963 medals)	1.23	
Ticket sales to Governor's Breakfast	14.00	
Donations to TNA Memorial Library		

Fund	171.50	
Donations to ANA Building Fund (being held by TNA Treasurer)	195.00	
	387.18	5,698.24
Total		$8,851.68
Disbursements:		
TNA News:		
Publisher (print and mail)	$2,896.54	
Editor (travel allowance and petty cash	684.25	
		3,580.79
Printing (other than TNA News)	230.54	
Officers Expenses (see Schedule A)	382.72	
Miscellaneous expenses (see Schedule B)	915.89	
TNA Memorial Library expenditures and expenses)	87.08	5,197.02
Balance on hand as of 28 February 1965		$3,654.66

NOTE: The above balance includes the following special accounts:

TNA Memorial Library Fund, balance on hand as of 29 Feb. 64	$148.71
Plus donations made during the fiscal year	171.50
	$320.21
Less expenditures and expenses	87.08
Balance on hand as of 28 Feb 65	$233.13
Donations to ANA Building Fund (being held by TNA Treasurer)	$195.00

Schedule A. Officers Expenses:

President	$ 35.74
Secretary	315.71
Treasurer	11.22
District Governors	10.00
Historian	5.05
Youth Chairman	5.00
	$382.72

Schedule B. Miscellaneous Expenses:

Officers bonds	$ 20.00
Books for T.N.A. Junior Project	21.21
TNA Table Cloth	25.00
TNA Governors Breakfast at Dallas	126.36
TNA Convention photographs (Dallas convention)	117.00
1964 Yearbooks	321.92
Tape Recorder for TNA Secretary	147.78
3 Medals from Medallic Art Co. for 1965 Convention	72.49
Mailing stencils (for TNA News publisher)	50.48
ANA dues	6.00
Spray for Homer B. Casey	7.65
	$915.89

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GOVERNORS:

District Two — Chas. M. Travis

During the past year, we have added one club to our roster of members: Spanish Trail Coin Club, Ft. Stockton, Tex. This new, young club has a very enthusiastic group of members - few in number, but they make up for that in their great interest in club activities and collecting.

During the past year, District Ten (El Paso) was established removing that area from District Two. This was a wise decision in that the mileage factor prevented visits to that area by the district governor. They now have a district governor in their own town, and I believe the T.N.A. will benefit greatly from this arrangement.

I have heard numerous comments from collectors in this district, bemoaning the fact that the burglaries and robberies are becoming so prevalent that it is no longer an enjoyable hobby — several have told me that they expect to sell their collections and "quit." This is most regrettable.

Generally, I would say that there

is a trend toward a loss of interest as compared to a year ago, except for the activities of the Odessa club. Most of the continuing interest there can be credited to your new district governor, Louis Goodwin.

With this report, I do not wish to leave the impression that I am losing interest — far from it. I am still interested in the T.N.A. and will offer all assistance possible to the new officers to be installed at this convention.

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District Three — W. E. Wozencraft

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as governor for district three during the past year. Coin club and T.N.A. activities have reached new highs during the past twelve months. I have attended two or more club meetings each month in the district and it has been a great pleasure to observe the good progress being made.

District boundary changes approved by the governing board in Dallas, April 10, 1964 transferred both the Midland and Odessa Coin Clubs from district three to two. This left district three with only five coin clubs in the district, which were all T.N.A. chapter members. We now have eight coin clubs in the district and all are chapter members of T.N.A.

The T.N.A. membership roster has continued to climb each month. The collectors and numismatists of district three have responded better this year than ever before to the call for new members for our state organization. I have worked to get our delinquent members back in the T.N.A. family and active again. The results were better than expected. One member three years delinquent is now active again.

I am glad to report club meetings all over the district have been well attended. They have become more interesting because of more speakers and better programs. Junior member participation is maintained in most of the clubs in the district. Key City, San Angelo and Big Spring Coin Clubs had good junior member attendance each time I was present. Two junior members of the San Angelo club were winners in the essay contest conducted by Mrs. Chris Johns, T.N.A. youth program chairman. Big Spring club set the July 9, 1964 meeting as junior exhibit night. All juniors exhibited and made speeches about their displays. E. H. Brooks, T.N.A. president, was present to make the awards.

I attended all coin shows staged by district clubs. All were exceptionally good and well planned shows. A.N.A. President, P. K. Anderson and Mr. Brooks were honor guests at the Key City show in Abilene. Brooks and several other T.N.A. dignitaries were honored at San Angelo show which was a very outstanding event. Exhibits at all the shows continue to improve over those of the previous year in both quantity and quality. This has been a good year for the clubs, coin collectors, the T.N.A. and numismatics in general throughout district three.

I am grateful to Mr. Brooks, Mr. Covill, Mrs. Casey, and all the club T.N.A. representatives for helping me. It has been a pleasure to serve and I shall continue to promote T.N.A. interest in the future.

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District Four — Lester L. Edmonds

In looking back over the year it can be said that it is a foregone fact that the year was filled with many club meetings and coin shows that were wonderful but all are to be topped off with this T.N.A. convention here in Corpus Christi.

It has been my extreme pleasure to visit and associate myself with some of the finest clubs in Texas.

And they are in district four. I have missed some of the club meetings for causes that were beyond my control much to my sorrow. But I have traveled many hundreds of miles to attend coin club meetings here in district four, and on many trips remained overnight. The pleasure was mine. Everywhere I went the topic of conversation was our T.N.A. I distributed many copies of the TNA News along with membership applications. Some did sign but I believe the field will yield a fine crop to my successor.

To those that are free to travel I would suggest going to coin club meetings other than your home town when meeting dates do not conflict, I have a much broader view as a result of this. And too, one meets and rubs elbows with the very finest of folk — coin collectors. Someone else may have done a much better job for T.N.A. in this district, but I feel that the results for me in a personal sense are pleasing. Wishing my successor the best year ever.

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District Seven — Mrs. Grace Curtis

Greetings from the San Antonio Coin Club, the oldest coin club in the city. They have about 250 active members. The club meets the first and third Thursday of each month, in the South Terrace of the Gunter Hotel. The club has educational talks with exhibits and auctions each meeting.

The Alamo Coin Club is the second oldest club in the city with about 148 members. The club stresses numismatic education and at each meeting, there is a program including displays from every field of numismatics. The club has shown A.N.A. slide sets, members bring choice collections of crowns, foreign proof sets, commemoratives and strange money of the world. One meeting was devoted to numismatic books with the librarian from the Public Library as a guest. The club presented to the library, Col. O'Sullivan's movie on ancients so that it would be available to schools and other educational programs.

The Gateway Coin Club, Lackland Air base, has 193 members. Members have displayed at various centers in the city and that has aroused keen interest in coin collecting. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Base Recreation Club No. 10. Reports are heard from personnel returning from foreign assignments which are most interesting. Reporting on club activities around the world was one member returning from the Japanese Olympics who told that no foreigners were permitted to buy proof sets, not even the athletes, but that the Japanese were lined up blocks long at the bank to buy the sets.

The New Braunfels Coin Club was organized the first of the year and has 31 members. I have visited the club four times to offer assistance; signed them up as a T.N.A. chapter member. They meet the first Tuesday and second Wednesday in Eades Old Folks Home.

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District Eight — Mrs. Wally Gilmore

District eight is 100% in member clubs paying dues this year which includes 11 senior clubs and one junior club.

I have visited each club at least once in the past year except the Alice club, as up until now, I received no response to my communications.

The past two years as governor has been a very enlightening and enjoyable experience and although my term has ended, I will still be available to assist whenever and wherever I can.

TNA News — Mrs. Wally Gilmore, Editor

RECEIPTS:

Adv. to Feb. 15, 1965	$1436.06
Adv. Collected Since Above Date	146.55
Collections to be Made for Feb., Mar.	86.55
	1801.81
Sale of Single Copies	1.35
Total Receipts	$1803.16

EXPENSES:

Publishing & Mailing	$2896.54
Editor's Allowance & Petty Cash	684.25
	$3580.79
	(1777.63)

The TNA News, through special requests, is now on file in the Austin, Texas State Library and the Smithsonian Institution Numismatic Library in Washington, D.C.

There were 21 eligible entries submitted for the 1964 K.K. Tidwell Literary Award.

The TNA News has averaged 34 to 36 pages each month and beginning in January has been printed in colored ink instead of the standard black.

I wish to give special recognition and thanks to the San Angelo Standard-Times for the donations of pictures and engravings which have been used with Weldon Surber's weekly coin column. They are on file with the publisher to be used when needed.

I have enjoyed my association the past two years with the governing board and all of the members and clubs in Texas. There have been over 5110 pieces of mail addressed to the TNA News during the past year. It has been physically impossible for me to acknowledge each one, so I take this opportunity to thank everyone for remembering the editor with news items, special stories, advertising, and club meetings and bulletins. It has been appreciated.

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Youth Program Chairman — Mrs. Mrs. Chris Johns

Well, it is that time again—when we draw up to take a backward look at our accomplishments over the past year and evaluate our gains or losses. As chairman of the Youth Program for the last three years, I am faced with an unpleasant decision.

My report for the year past covering our excursion into a project of encouraging youngsters to exhibit their collections is a shallow one. Tomorrow morning at the Awards Breakfast when I present the trophies as awards in this project, my heart definitely will not be joyful.

Let me recap our 3 years past. First year—Essay Contest: 3 entries; second year—Essay Contest: 7 entries, 5 of which were new participants, a fact which caused much jubilation among us. Then we heard suggestions from various ones interested in our work — perhaps we should scout around for another project; essays smacked of school and our children are notoriously adverse to that subject! So was born the exhibit project. Entries? **THREE!**

Now I come to my unpleasant decision. After much soul-searching and brain-wracking, I come to this:

I recommend to the Board that we cease the Youth Program.

Dr. John Swanson, TNA 1st vice-president, who is my superior in this project is disturbed over the small response we have gotten in three years but thinks there is still hope. I disagree.

It is time to pull up our bootstraps — there is no disgraee in failure — the disgrace comes in blindly following the same line down an alley that proves unfruitful.

We ean not help ones who will

not be helped. We must face the fact that most adults are not going to help and a few can't carry the load alone. Mrs. Gilmore is the only one connected with planning a coin show in the state in 1964 who even asked for material pertaining to our project to incorporate in her plans.

I recommend to the Board that we throw our resources behind something to benefit the future and that will contribute to the good of the most. We are not like Christ in the parable of the Good Shepherd searching for His one lost sheep. We have the hundreds of our membership to consider.

Let's take a look at the progeny of some of our highest-ranking and best-known TNA members. They are not participating in the Youth Program yet you see these same youngsters wheeling and dealing on the bourse floor like 50-year veterans of the business.

Let's come back to my remarks in my first report in 1962—most youngsters won't participate unless the parent-group of adults encourages them and, if necessary, bring pressure to bear, as it were!

I have children — I know what procrastinators they are! Even we adults are not free of this taint. So until we cultivate a group of adults who are interested in adding to the sum and total of the numismatic world's knowledge, our efforts in the line of youth development will fail. It is not a pretty picture, but we must face facts even though unpleasant.

But, if it seems that I lay the whole yoke on the shoulders of us adults, let me add this: There has to be an effort from youth as well as from leaders. Our children are not like helpless invalids — waiting for someone to attend to their every need — our young people will continue to collect coins whether or not we even acknowledge their existence. But we have had no expression of interest or of non-interest from them — no suggestions from them giving ideas (except from Howie Eisenberg of YNA) — and the few who have participated during the three years past, if time were taken for research, are most likely "A" students in school to whom scholarly pursuits appeal and who have known responsibilities **AND** who will participate fully and benefit from their own experience with little or no aid from the adult group.

Let me stress this — I do not relish making this report. I have worked long and hard for this program—you have worked long and hard for this program. But the time has come and we must face it.

Be assured that I stand ready to do my utmost to support TNA in any **AND** all its projects, but I feel I would be remiss in my responsibilities as a member if I did not make this recommendation.

My thanks to all of you who have aided me in any way. A good word is as much appreciated as a helping hand. I hope my efforts have been and will continue to be of benefit to TNA.

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Librarian's Report—John P. Eads, Jr.

Books in Library	122
Cash Donations	$160.50
Books Donated in Memorial	7
Books Donated	34
Books Purchased	60
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Historian—Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld

After serving T.N.A. in this appointed office from April, 1964 through March, 1965, I have these recommendations to make:

1. All past history books be placed in the T.N.A. Library so that those who are interested may look them over during the year. Also that the librarian bring them to each T.N.A. convention, to be viewed by those present.
2. Each club belonging to T.N.A. have their president appoint a member to be responsible for sending news items, pictures, ribbons, etc. to the historian so each club show and programs may be included in the growth and history of these clubs.

It is interesting to note the changes in clubs, type of programs and shows, conditions in the hobby of numismatics and coin collecting in general that can be found in reading the past history books in the few years of the existence of T.N.A. Seldom do we hear of a **ONE-DAY** show. Tables used to be $5 or two for $7.50. Shows used to be non-profit. Now they make big money. Programs have fallen to a low level, and so has attendance. All this can be found in the past history of T.N.A. by reading the history of the early club news. Surely some one has an answer for these things.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Historian for the past year. Many, many thanks to Mr. Brooks, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Gilmore and others who sent me clippings and pictures regularly and to clubs who sent me their show programs. With out this help my book would be very "lean" instead of being so "plump."

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I.O.W.M.C. Meet In Corpus Christi

An official unofficial meeting of the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors met March 25 during the Corpus Christi T.N.A. convention held at the Driscoll Hotel. Wendell Morningstar of Radnor, Ohio, temporary president, presided. The organization now has 271 members.

Morningstar announced that on May 15-16, the first wooden money show would be held in Marion, Ohio with exhibitors and collectors expected to attend from all over the United States. It is believed that this is the first show of its kind ever held. A banquet is planned as part of the activities.

A slate of officers was presented for nomination through the Wooden Money Collectors' News, official bulletion for the organization. Those to be nominated include: George Camp, Xenia, Ohio, president; Wm. Babb, Fairborn, Ohio, first vice-president; Wendell Morningstar, second vice-president; and Mrs. Judy Sabel, Chicago, Ill., secretary-treasurer.

The group will meet officially at the A.N.A. convention on Thursday, August 26, for a Continental breakfast at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel. Those planning to attend, please advise either Morningstar, Rt. 1, Radnor, Ohio, or Mrs. Wally Gilmore, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas

V. J. Van Cleave, noted Texas author and lecturer, traces the coining process from 700 B.C. to the present time - a valuable study in relation to numismatics. This article is a first in a series presenting the background and function of the seven Mints of the United States.

U. S. Mints Evolved From Early Lydian Coinage

By V. J. Van Cleave
Richardson, Texas

What with the coin shortage, the silver problem, and other coinage events on the front pages of the newspapers almost every day, it seems appropriate to take a look at how the coinage manufacturing process evolved and at the various mints which have been used at one time or another in the United States.

When the first coins were made in Lydia about 700 B.C., a bean shaped ingot of electrum (a natural alloy of gold and silver) was stamped with marks indicating the weight and the fineness. It is easy to visualize the process by imagining that you have a piece of metal, and you mark it by using a hammer and two or three different punches. The first improvement may well have been to place the ingot on a straited surface instead of a smooth one, so that it would not slip when struck.

The hammer was to be the instrument of force for many centuries. Even today we describe a coin as being "well struck" or "poorly struck."

Though the first coin may have been the brain child of an early-day merchant, and have only had three primitive marks on one side, it was not long before designs became more elaborate and appeared on both sides (at Aegina, a Greek island) and governments took over the coin issuance.

In a way, it is surprising that coins did not evolve sooner, as the use of seals was widespread in the authenticating of letters, documents, etc., and a coin is only a piece of metal with marks guaranteeing its weight and fineness. In any event, the skills which the metal workers had acquired in making seals were turned to the making of coin dies.

Writers differ as to how the earliest planchets were made—pounded out with a hammer, clipped off the end of a bar, chiseled off the end of a bar, or cast.

As the coinage process spread over the Mediterranean area, the following technique evolved: the artisan made two bronze dies out of copper alloyed with 18-22% tin, the hardest metal available. One of these was the anvil die for the obverse and the other was the punch die for the reverse. They were carved in intaglio, of course.

In the actual striking of the coin,

the worker picked up a hot planchet from the furnace with a pair of tongs, placed it on the anvil die, put the punch die on it, struck it one or more times with his hammer, then removed the coin to allow it to cool. It is easy to realize that this process resulted in weak strikes, doubled coins, etc. But, amazingly enough, this process also resulted (when employed by the Greeks of Sicily and Southern Italy) in some of the most beautiful coins ever made. It is almost incredible that coins of such high relief and artistry could have been made with a hammer.

It is more believable when one remembers that this was the age

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that produced the world's most exquisite statues and buildings (e.g., the Parthenon.) Generally speaking, the Greeks produced beautiful coins while the more practical Romans turned out a more utilitarian product.

As time went by, refinements of the striking process included hinged dies for easier alignment and a spiked die which could be driven into wood to keep it immobile. The Romans are known to have used a form of "hubbing," and steel dies made their appearance.

Roman law and Roman armed might were the ruling forces which maintained peace and enabled civilization to progress. With the fall of the Roman Empire, the Dark Ages rolled over Europe, taking its toll of all knowledge and learning—including that of coinage. The Roman silver denarius with it fine detail became the poorly made, thin denier of the Middle Ages. The making of dies retrogressed into a crude chiseling process.

In similar fashion, the Renaissance brought fresh life and progress to the manufacture of coins as well as to all fields of learning. No less a personage than Leonardo Da Vinci is credited with inventing or perfecting the next great step forward, that of the screw press. One has only to think of a huge vise exerting great pressure on a planchet in order to visualize the screw press.

A large screw press was used in Germany about 1680 which produced some 20 coins a minute. Some of these presses were so large and powerful that oxen or horses provided power great enough to strike even large, high-relief medals.

A detailed description of how gold coins were made was given by an Italian, Vannuccio Biringuccio, in a book on metallurgy published in

1540.

"Having brought it by cementation exactly to the carat (minus the amount of fineness that is the remedy granted to you as clear profit by the prince), the quantity . . . is melted and cast into bars. These bars are extended with a hammer on a flat anvil and are all reduced to a certain uniform thinness. These are cut crosswise from the length into little squares like dice so that they turn out a little heavier than the money you wish to make. Then they are cut into pieces all of the same size with a pair of large cutting pincers. They are then annealed in a little frying pan or something else with a red-hot fire of charcoal, after which they are given to the stampers and in one or two blows are all flattened out one by one on a stone. Thus made, they are smoothed by the workers and brought almost to the size that they are to have. In this shape they go to the adjusters who carefully reduce them to the exact weight without any excess. Then they are returned in this condition to the workers who finish smoothing them and rounding them by hammering on the edges. Thus made they are heated and thrown into a common blanching liquor made with powdered tartar, salt and water, or urine. In this way, the gold is cleaned and brightened and then the pieces are washed well with clear water. When dried, they are sent to the dies and thus coined they are finished so that they have only to be spent."

At about the time of the American Revolution, further steps forward were made in the minting process. The French Mint evolved more efficient technicians and Thomas Jefferson, while in Europe on government service, attempted to get a French mint worker to accept a position with the fledgling U.S. mint in Philadelphia, but in vain.

Meanwhile in England, Matthew Boulton (1728-1809) in 1775 became the business partner of James Watt, inventor of the steam engine. At last, the coiner had ample power at his disposal. In 1788, Boulton erected a plant in Soho and struck coins for Sierra Leone, the East India Company, Russia and in 1797 new copper coins for Great Britain. The latter were the famous "cartwheel" penny and twopenny pieces—the first English coins struck with steam power and a retaining collar to make them perfectly round and evenly struck.

Since the planchets were inserted by hand, it was about this time in English history when "pulling back a nub" was no joke. Names such as "Three Finger Pete" and "Stumpy" were probably common.

The steam engine furnished power for rolling out the sheets of metal to the proper thickness, the milling of the edges at the time of striking, the use of incuse designs, etc.

Another method of making coins should be mentioned—the drop press. It employed the same principle as the French guillotine, but with more beneficial results, needless to say. The planchet was inserted between the dies, a weight was raised, then dropped to strike the upper die, thus impressing the design upon the coin.

To come closer to home, at Philadelphia the first coining press was a small screw type. Horses provided the power for the rolling mill.

The modern coin press now turns out some 14,000 small coins per hour when striking two at a time or about 6,000 coins when minting larger ones. Recent reports concerning steps being taken or contemplated by the mint mention coining presses capable of striking four coins

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by Ken Hedges,
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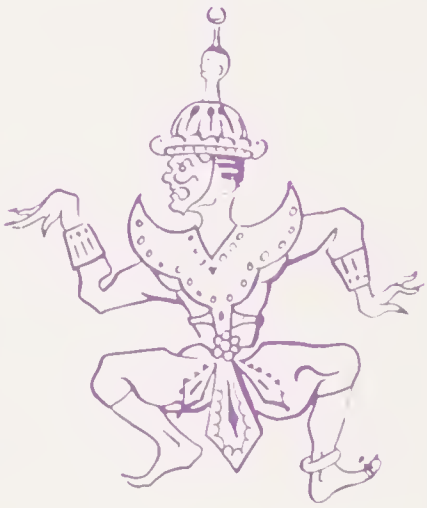
The Coinage of SIAM ~ Conclusion

We present the story of Siam's commemorative coins and the decision to make it a separate part of the series was prompted by the issuance last year of the special one and 20-baht coins to mark the 36th birthday of King Bhumipol Adulyadet. A check of Becker's "Pageant of World Commemorative Coins" reveals no mention of a Siamese commemorative coin, and even a list of those generally recognized elsewhere as commemoratives does not include some pieces which are commemorative in nature.



The first commemorative coin under discussion takes us back to the era of the bullet money, even though it was struck in 1880 — 20 years after the first conventional "flat" coin. Even after the abolishment of the bullet coins, it was customary to issue bullet coins for special presentation purpose. Most were not issued for specific occasions, and differed little from regular issues.

The 1880 issue — in denominations of 2, 4 10-20, 40 and 80 baht — was struck on the occasion of the cremation of Somdet P'ra Sirindhra, the mother of King Chulalongkorn. Most of these pieces bore three marks: an elaborate chakra, the royal crown with umbrellas and rays, and a spray of the rampeui plant (chosen because the king's mother's maiden name was Rampeui.) These silver coins are unusual in that they are dated 1880 beneath the rampeui mark. On the larger pieces, such as the 80-baht piece, the marks are engraved, rather than stamped. A similar issue, consisting of the one-baht denomination only, appeared in 1874 on the occasion of the cremation of the younger sister of Prince Mahit.

The second class of Siamese commemoratives bears the name "Royal Gift." This issue comprised the denominations of 1/8 baht in gold and 1/8 baht, 1/4 baht, and 1 baht in silver, all with the design of the royal crown between umbrellas on the obverse, and the elephant within the chakra on the reverse. These issues received the name Bannakan (Royal Gift) because the dies for stamping them are said to have been presented to King Mongkut (in whose reign they were struck, about 1860-63) by Queen Victoria. They are similar in design to regular issues of the period, but have differences in the beaded frame, spokes of the chakra, and floral background.

The third class of commemoratives has only one coin. In 1897, during King Chulalongkorn's visit to

Europe, the Queen paid a state visit to the Royal Mint in Bangkok. In honor of this, a number of silver one-baht coins of the type already in circulation were stamped with the legends "Year 116" and "Royal Mint."

At about this same time, a 33mm silver medal was struck in France bearing the portrait of King Chulalongkorn. The obverse shows the king

Illustrated here in line-drawing form are the main design elements of the 20-baht piece. Numbered from 1 to 8, they include the following: 1) The Royal Crown, solid gold and encrusted with diamonds. 2) The nine-tiered parasol, traditional symbol of the Chakri Dynasty, of which Adulyadet is a member. 3) The double-edged sword, a legendary weapon symbolizing the power of the king. 4) The gold-covered victory palm made by King Rama I. 5) The gold-covered palm fan, whose origins are obscured by time. 6) The whip of yak fur, which is supposed to remove from the King's presence anything which does not please him. 7) The royal sandals of enameled gold, symbolizing the King's right to the throne. 8) The chakra, "toothed wheel of eternity" and symbol of the God Vishnu. 9) The three-tined weapon called "ori," another symbol of the Chakri Dynasty. The metal used in these commemorative coins was consecrated in a special Buddhist ceremony.

facing right, surrounded by his name and titles in Siamese. The reverse of the piece bears a so far untranslated Siamese legend and the date 116. The medal bears the signature of A. Patey, a noted French medallist of the period, and on the edge is the Paris Mint hallmark. Since the date on the medal corresponds with that of the King's visit to Europe, we are inclined to believe that the medal was issued for that occasion.

In 1908, two years before Chulalongkorn's death, a special silver coin was issued to mark the king's record reign of 40 years. This piece was of one-baht, and bore the king's portrait to the left on the obverse, with the three-headed elephant on the reverse. This became the regular issue type but was continued only into 1909 because of the king's death the following year.

The next commemorative coin was not issued until 1961, to mark the return of King Adulyadet and Queen Sirikit from their visit to the United States. The copper-nickel baht bears on the obverse the jugate busts of the King and Queen, and on the reverse the Thailand coat of arms.

The final class of commemoratives from Thailand comprises the copper-nickel one-baht and silver 20-baht coins issued in 1963 to mark the 36th birthday of King Bhumipol Adulyadet. These pieces bear the portrait of the King on the obverse, and, in the case of the crown-size 20-baht, various royal symbols on the reverse (the reverse of the one-baht carries traditional emblems of the chakra and royal parasols with the Rays of Right in the background. See drawing.)

With this discussion of the commemoratives of Siam, we close the series on the coins of that interesting little country on the heart of wan-

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FIRST TNA CERTIFICATE PRESENTED TO MR. RUST

Wm. Rust, Wichita Falls, relaxes among his collection of trophies and ribbons awarded for his many numismatic exhibitions at Texas conventions and coin shows.

The Texas Numismatic Association and the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club recently honored William Rust, Sr. by presenting him with the first Certificate of Achievement as an outstanding club member who has contributed much to the promotion of numismatics in his home clubs and throughout Texas.

The T.N.A. merit certificate is issued to a club member, who upon recommendation of their home club, has shown outstanding loyalty, giving generously of their time and talent to be of service to their club and numismatics.

Mr. Rust was chosen by the Wichita Falls club to be the first recipient of such an award. He is a faithful member of both clubs in the city, the coin and stamp club and the Wichita County Coin Club. He has stood ready to assist in any project the clubs are confronted with. He has served as general chairman for the past two years for the annual show and is past president of the Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club.

Many school students and civic organizations have benefited greatly as Mr. Rust is always on hand for a sharing of his vast numismatic knowledge as a speaker.

T.N.A. and Texas salutes William Rust, Sr. of Wichita Falls as a gentleman of numismatic distinction and proud that his club so honored him with the first Certificate of Achievement award.

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U.S. MINT STORY—

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at a time—so the evolution of the minting process continues, as it has for sixteen hundred years. To be continued . . . .

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torn Southeast Asia. References for this column include "The Coinage of Siam" by Reginald Le May, "Studies of Old Siamese Cions" by the Siam Society, Yeoman's "Catalog of Modern World Coin," and oppropriate issues of The Numismatist, World Coins, Whitman Numismatic Journal and Coin World.

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Gallery Of Coins – part five

The Longacre Notebook — A Numismatic Find — By The Editor

To some collectors, the Flying Eagle cent brings to mind an important date. The first specimens combine a degree of rarity and mystery that makes them desirable. A satisfactory explanation for the coins dated 1856 has been provided only in recent years. But it is not necessary to repeat the story here.

We are more immediately concerned with the design of a coin considered by numismatists and collectors to be one of the most attractive ever to be regularly issued by the United States. The credit for the design is usually given to James B. Longacre, who served as engraver at the mint in Philadelphia from 1844 until his death on January 1, 1869. But like so much else concerned with U.S. coins, the Flying Eagle cent aroused controversy in its day. Only after it ceased to be current and familiar did it reach its present eminence in the affections of the collecting fraternity.

Very reliable echoes of that controversy have recently come to light in the form of a small black notebook kept by Longacre himself, in which he makes brief comments upon the reception given by the public to his coin. Discovered by Stack's Numismatists in New York, the notebook has been presented by them to the Smithsonian Institution.

FLYING EAGLE CENT

Before quoting Longacre's remarks about the cent, a few observations on the design itself are in order. Over the last century and a half there has been a marked change in the customs affecting coin designs and the production of coin dies. At one time the actual engravers at the mint were also designers of the coinage. The names of Jean Simon, author of the famous Petition crown, Benedetto Pistrucci and the Wyons are familiar to most collectors.

Many of these early die cutters were also artists of distinction in other media as well. When the introduction of the reducing machine permitted the mechanical reproduction of dies, the craft of the original artist-die cutter underwent a slow eclipse. The thoroughly modern practice is probably best exemplified by Augustus St. Gaudens, a sculptor of great merit who, nevertheless, suffered severe frustrations in making his designs for the last types of U.S. gold coins because he was not acquainted with the professional techniques of the true medalist, or numismatic engraver.

If we accept Warin and Pistrucci as representing one extreme and St. Gaudens the other, there is still room in between these giants for what, for the sake of convenience, we will call the transitional numismatic artist. It is into this class, I think, that we

can safely place James B. Longacre. Whether he can be called a "Great Artist," with all the solemnity those words are supposed to inspire today, is open to discussion.

Let it suffice to say that the writer finds him a satisfactory and superbly competent engraver of coin dies. In addition it is quite possible that his Double Eagle, when compared with the low relief version of the St. Gaudens design, will be considered the better of the two. Be that as it may, we are concerned here with his contribution to the Flying Eagle cent of 1856 and 1857. The fine but rather un-heraldic bird was created by the painter Titian Peale whose father, Charles Wilson Peale, was one of those early American brushmen still known to posterity because of the assiduity with which he fed the insatiable demands for portarits of Washington.

It was first copies by Christian Gobrecht, another mint engraver, for the well-known patterns of the dollar in the 1830's. Then it met with favor in the eyes of James Ross Snowden, Director of the Mint, when he decided that the old large copper cents had to be replaced by something handier and less bulky.

No sooner had the new Flying Eagle cent been authorized by Congress on February 21, 1857, than the fur began to fly. Probably the most balanced opinion was expressed by the cartoon which appeared in Harper's Weekly on the same day. Entitled, "Brother Jonothan's New Baby," it shows the parents happily admiring a round little Flying Eagle, while the neglected large cent stands off to one side weeping. But this was before the public was familiar with the piece. The response makes amazing reading today.

The comments in the issue of "Life Illustrated" of June 27, 1857, quoting an earlier contribution to the "Albany Journal," are probably fairly representative of the general reaction. The light color was described as "like copper counterfeiting pinchbeck and blushing at being caught in the cheat." When we remember that pinchbeck was a yellow metal alloy thought to resemble gold and used in cheap jewelry, the cutting nature of the comparison becomes quite clear. The complaint was made that, "children swallow it, with great consequent irritation to the stomach and the bowels." The cent seemed to demonstrate what is really an old American characteristic best summed up in a recent comment by the present Attorney General of the United States when he said, "One fifth of the people are against everything all the time."

Objections to the size of the coin, the danger it presented to innocent children and the nature of the metal, were hardly likely to concern James B. Longacre. These matters were none of his affair and he was not responsible in any way for them. But when the design and the execution of the design were criticised, it was altogether different. The bird was referred to as "the ambiguous figure which the mint officers interpret to mean a flying eagle, but which, to the uninstructed resembles a table napkin, or a pen wiper got up for sale at a fancy fair."

The elegance of the die cutting in low relief also came in for some hard knocks. Here Longacre was unable to stay on the side lines unmoved. As he said, "The issue of the new cent has given occasion to the numismatic critics great and small for a pretty elaborate display of their abilities." He was hurt and confided his views to the little black notebook, now happily safe in the hands of the U.S. National Museum. The very human reactions of the engraver are in themselves and in-

teresting insight into the creation of one of our best known coins and throw a certain light on the problems which have to be overcome in making any coin. His own words are quoted here in full for the benefit and numismatic instruction of our readers.

JAMES B. LONGACRE ON THE FLYING EAGLE CENT

"The designs upon coins have never been adopted except with the concurrence and approval of the Executive authority (an authority certainly entitled to as much respect, as any anonymous newspaper criticism) the law requiring this sanction. In every instance they have been decided upon, only after mature consideration and careful experiment. The execution of the work, must necessarily conform to the limitations and exigencies of the processes employed in the coinage; which are peculiar and essentially different from any other employment of metal . . . (illegible.)

"There were considerations of more weight, to be regarded, in getting out the coin in question, than the mere artistic arrangement that might otherwise have been preferred — one of which was to make it readily distinguishable from the other denominations to which it approximated in size; The peculiar and unusual position of the eagle on the obverse, had this recommendation: although well aware that the position was not a favourable one of the low relief required in the coinage: the design was prepared by a naturalist and artist, some years before, from the national bird itself; and copied in relief for an experimental coin; as such it had been regarded with interest by persons of intelligence and science who had seen it and the wish frequently expressed that an opportunity might be present for introducing it on the coin; it was engraved at first as an experiment pretty extensively shown and authoritatively approved before it was adopted.

"It is but just to the engraver to say that it was neither designed nor originally selected by him. The issue of the new cent, has given occasion to the numismatic critics great and small, for a pretty elaborate display of their abilities; they are mostly severe upon the eagle on the obverse: The very unusual position in which it is presented; certainly not the most favourable for a representation in relief: seems to have carried a prejudice against the whole design: this we think is rather too sweeping; it is not the point of view in which we have been accustomed to see our national bird on pictures, and signs — and carved images: and yet it has been undoubtedly taken from a veritable specimen; seen sideways and low; it wants the display of pinion with which its place in our federal heraldry has always been associated; and this can hardly be compensated by any ingenuity of execution; There is one advantage however /sic/ in this design, which though not an artistic recommendation, is perhaps of greater practical value, in the every day uses of the coin; and that is its singularity and novelty as a device; preventing as it must the possibility of mistaking it under the slightest observation from (for?) any other coin; which from the colour of the metal without this distinguishing trait would be found a serious disadvantage in the rapid exchanges inevitably consequent upon the circulation of a coin of this denomination."

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ACROSS FIELD

The inscription of a coin is the words across the field.

PIECES OF 8 – Conclusion

By Crawford Wyman as told to Harold L. Van Doren

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Texas Numismatic Association's entire membership is appreciative to have had the opportunity to reprint the article "Pieces of Eight" which appeared in the May, 28, 1927 issue of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. We are grateful and indebted to the Curtis Publishing Company for granting permission to bring this outstanding feature to the readers of the TNA and to have had the privilege of learning from a noted and dedicated numismatist, A. Crawford Wyman.

Mr. Wyman was assistant under Howland Wood, curator at American Numismatic Society museum from 1921 until 1926. He died in 1937 and left a major portion of a fine numismatic collection to the Society.

This installment concludes the series and we hope you have enjoyed it.

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The largest and finest general collections are undoubtedly in the museums in London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Leningrad. The Bibliotheque Nationale collection, started by Louis XIV's gift of his own specimens, contains some of the finest ancient and medieval coins in the world. Much of Louis' collection is still in the original morocco-leather trays made especially for it. To obtains the leather, a special treaty had to be signed with Morocco, then on hostile terms with France. It is only recently that some of the original trays have been discarded and new ones to take their place.

The Russian imperial collection in the Hermitage in Leningrad is very fine also, and coin collectors all over the world trembled for its fate when the Red Revolution came in 1919. But there was a special providence watching over it, for Lunacharsky, the Soviet Commisisoner for Public Instruction, happened to be a coin enthusiast, and one of his first official acts was to place guards at the Hermitage in order that it should not be molested.

About a year ago I was talking with Theodore Reinach, the famous French numismatic authority. He gave it as his opinion that the United States Buffalo nickel is the finest coin being minted in the world at the present day from every point of view: artistic excellence, serviceability and appropriateness to the issuing country.

Indeed, the Buffalo nickel is a not inconsiderable work of art. If you don't believe it, put it under a magnifying glass or, if you are in New York, stoop down in back of one of the Subway or L turnstiles and look at it through the large lens installed on these machines to detect substitutions. The design is bold and simple, sufficiently high in relief to be striking, but devoid of the finicky detail which makes so many designs lose their effectiveness when worn thin by circulation. It was modeled by the distinguished American sculp-

for James Earle Fraser. His initials — a small F — is under the date.

PROMINENT NUMISMATISTS

The finest private collection of classical coins in America belongs to Mr. E. T. Newell, president of the American Numismatic Society, who is among the world's foremost authorities on Greek and Roman coins. A private collector such as Mr. Newell deserves infinitely more credit for the accuracy and completeness of his collection than does a state museum, which receives many bequests and has the services of numerous experts over long periods of years. Mr. Newell is a man still in his thirties, and is a living refutation of the general belief that a numismatist wears a long beard and has one foot in the grave.

In Europe one of the most distinguished students of numismatics is King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy. His work on Italian coins is said to be the last word on the subject. Enrico Caruso, the tenor, owned a fine collection, which was sold shortly after his death. He bought nothing but gold pieces.

America has several fine public collections. The museum of the American Numismatic Society in New York houses several splendid coin series and one of the best displays of military medals and decorations in the world. There are excellent collections also in the National Museum in Washington, the State Library at Hartford, Connecticut; the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, the Municipal Museum in Rochester, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Fine Arts Museum in Newark, New Jersey, and the Omaha Public Library. The last named is particularly interesting for its Americana.

CONVENTION PARADE —

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presented with an antique gold watch, appropriately inscribed, by Bob Bridges, in behalf of the convention committees in appreciation of his efforts in bringing the convention to Corpus Christi and his leadership in planning and carrying through to a successful conclusion. T.N.A. president, Mr. Brooks, awarded Davis with a certificate of achievement in behalf of the organization.

The 65 dealers on hand from 13 states, Mexico and Canada, reported sales were excellent and steady during the three-day meeting. Choice items and a variety of material were offered to the collector - investor - visitor.

A two-session auction was conducted by William Hanks of San Antonio assisted by Bert Roscoe, Dallas, auctioneer, with 350 bidders attending the sale held in the Hemisphere Room. U.S. coins made up the majority of the lots with very few foreign pieces included.

Marking the close of the convention was a special drawing with Milton Schrank, McAllen, winning a U.S. gold type set, Fred Latcham, Beeville, a 50 pesos Mexican gold piece; and Alton Foster, Corpus Christi, a Canadian sovereign.

Galveston has been selected for the 1966 convention site and E. E. White will act as general chairman. Hosting the event will be the Treasure Island Coin Club assisted by clubs in the coastal area. Date and place will be announced shortly.

(Due to circumstances beyond the control of the host clubs of Corpus Christi, the planned tour to Mexico City was cancelled.)

LINKS TO THE PAST — PART FIVE

U. S. COMMEMORATIVE HALVES RECALL MEMORIES & MEMORIALS

By WELDON SURBER
San Angelo Standard-Times

SURBER

The Lexington-Concord half dollar was minted in 1925 to commemorate the beginning of our war of independence against Great Britain on April 19, 1775 in Lexington and Concord, Mass.

This outbreak of hostilities was the result of several years of many irritating British policies toward the colonies, such as the sugar and molasses tax, the "quartering tax" to provide for the British Redcoats in America and the tea tax which caused the Boston Tea Party in 1773.

The direct cause of this first skirmish history attributes to two men, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. They were accused of stirring up trouble in the colonies and England ordered Ben Gage, the military governor of Massachusetts to arrest the two and send them to England for trial as traitors.

Adams was a cousin of John Adams and was an agitator and as far back as 1743 in choosing his thesis for graduation from Harvard took as his subject "Whether it be Lawful to Resist the Supreme Magistrate, if the Commonwealth cannot otherwise be preserved." Hancock had organized in 1774 a militia group called the Minute Men to be ready on instant notice for an emergency such as the Boston Tea Party a year earlier.

Gen Gage sent 800 Redcoats to Lexington to arrest the two and destroy their military supplies. News of this leaked out, and this brings us to one of the most well-known times in our history when Paul Revere rode through the country warning the citizenry that the British were coming. The British went by 50 Minute Men at Lexington killing and wounding 18, but when they came to the old North Bridge over the Concord River they met 400 colonists and were driven back.

The Redcoats retired to Boston where some 4,000 Americans laid

MINUTEMAN
. . . on obverse

LEXINGTON BELFREY
. . . on reverse

siege to Boston, which lasted until March 1776. Had it not been for such fine patriots as Adams, Hancock, Patrick Henry and agitator Thomas Paine history might have taken a different course.

Paine wrote 16 pamphlets in 1774 called "The Crisis." Each began with the words "These are the times that try men's souls," and his clarion call "Freedom has been hunted round the globe. Asia and Africa have long expelled her. Europe regards her as a stranger; and England has given her warning to depart. Oh, receive the fugitive and prepare in time an asylum for mankind," was written in a 50-page argument for independence.

Washington said, "It turned the wavering scale of public opinion toward complete freedom from the mother country."

History records that while fighting began at Lexington and Concord few Americans thought in terms of breaking ties with Great Britain.

On the face of this coin is the statue of the Minute Man with musket in hand, leaving his coat on his plow and ready to answer the call to arms. On the reverse is the old belfry tower at Lexington. By the ringing of its bell the Minute Men were alerted. Here Paul Revere was captured by the British after his famous ride from Boston to Lexington.

While Paul Revere is chiefly remembered for his ride he was also an outstanding silversmith. Several of our museums have on display some of his work.

HUGUENOT-WALLOON SETTLERS

The Huguenot-Walloon commemorative half-dollar caused more controversy than other coin of its type issued by the United States. The event commemorated by issuance of this coin was the 300th anniversary of settlement of New England (later New York) and the states adjoining in 1624 by the Huguenots and Walloons under the Dutch West Indies Co.

The Walloons were French-speaking people from south Belgium. The Huguenots were from France. Huguenot is the name for Protestants and both of these groups embraced the teachings of John Calvin, who died in 1564. The period from 1562 to 1598 had been filled with religious wars in which the Huguenots suffered greatly.

History records eight wars between the Catholics and the Huguenots and says this about the fourth war:

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COLIGNY, WILLIAM
. . . on obverse

NEW NEDERLAND SHIP
. . . on reverse

NEW T.N.A. OFFICERS: Bob Bridges, Corpus Christi, second vice-president; Stanford Kennady, San Antonio, treasurer; Mrs. Beth Geiger, Abilene, secretary; and Floyd E. Covill, McCamey, president. Not present was Weldon Surber, San Angelo, first vice-president.

T.N.A. DISTRICT GOVERNORS: Mrs. Homer B. Casey, San Angelo, district three; John S. Hill, Temple, district four; Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi, district eight; Lloyd E. Buss, Port Arthur, district six. Back row: Frank O'Sullivan, San Antonio, district seven; Bob Medlar, Lubbock, district nine. Not present were: Jack Hendrix, Ft. Worth, one; Louis R. Goodwin, Odessa, two; Bill Manewal, Dallas, five; Charles R. Vice, El Paso, ten.

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K. K. THDWELL LITERARY AWARD: Received by Hirsh Schwartz, Schulenberg, and presented by Frank O'Sullivan, San Antonio, last year's award winner. O'Sullivan was speaker at the group luncheon given during the convention and his talk will be one of the features in the June issue of the TNA News.

LEWIS REAGAN MEMORIAL AWARD: Presented to Mrs. Homer B. Casey, San Angelo, by last year's recipient, Mrs. Miriam Gilmore. Mrs. Casey served as T.N.A. secretary for two years and was elected as governor of district three. She has played a prominent role in Texas numismatics during her term as secretary.

SUNDAY MORNING AWARDS BREAKFAST. Seated at the head table, left to right, Lee Behannon, exhibit chairman; Mrs. Homer B. Casey, retiring T.N.A. secretary; Mrs. Miriam Gilmore, TNA News Editor; Charles "Cab" Atkins, Centralia, Mo., guest speaker; Joe B. Davis, convention chairman; E. H. Brooks, past T.N.A. president, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Margo Russell, Sidney, Ohio; and Floyd E. Covill, newly installed T.N.A. president. Mr. Atkins' talk will be published in the June issue of the TNA News.

HARVEY BRUNS SPECIAL AWARD — Mexican Coins: Was won by Joe B. Davis, veteran collector of the Mexico series. Shown with Davis are Mr. and Mrs. Bruns. This was the first time for the special award to be given and will now be a permanent feature of future T.N.A. conventions.

FIRST PLACE EXHIBIT WINNERS: Mrs. Shirley Strough, Houston, who also placed as best in show; Wayne Stotler, Corpus Christi; Louis Goodwin, Odessa; Dr. Melvin H. Wolk, San Antonio; Louis H. Harrison, Beaumont; back row, Alvin E. Nauman, San Antonio; and Floyd E. Covill, McCamey. Michaeil Leonard, first in the junior category, was unable to attend.

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SECOND PLACE EXHIBITOR WINNERS: Charles Robinson, III, San Benito, junior division; H. A. Redman, Odessa; William Rust, Wichita Falls; and Bob Medlar, Lubbock. Not present was Joe B. Davis.

THIRD PLACE EXHIBITOR WINNERS: Mrs. Nancy Weigand, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Gladys E. Robbins, Corpus Christi; W. A. Lewis, Odessa; Mrs. Augusta Folda, Corpus Christi; and Paula Schwartz, Schulenberg, junior division.

T.N.A. APPOINTEES: Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, La Marque, historian; E. H. Brooks, convention coordinator; Mrs. Miriam Gilmore, Weslaco, TNA News editor; and Wally Gilmore, librarian. Not present for the picture were Holland Wallace, San Antonio, youth chairman; John T. Barrett, Waco, parliamentarian; George Mather, Corpus Christi, A.N.A. representative.

FEATURED ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Clyde Hubbard, Mexico City; Mrs. Margo Russell, Coin World, Sydney, Ohio; and E. H. Brooks, San Angelo, retiring T.N.A. president, as moderator. Complete text of the educational features will be carried in the June issue of the TNA News.

COMMENTARIUM.....

Capsule Comments
By T.N.A.
Club Representatives

At Convention Breakfast
Corpus Christi, Texas

What the teletype has done for numismatics . . . by D. B. Nichols Grand Prairie. The teletype has generally hurt the business of numismatics. It has built up certain dated coins, discouraged the collector, and most sales are being made between dealers.

What our historian is doing for T.N.A., and what T.N.A. members can do for the historian . . . Ruby Threlkeld, La Marque. Urged the clubs and members to submit news clippings and pictures for scarpbook; and to have a club member responsible for that duty. During the past year, clubs have been lax in sending items to the historian.

What can T.N.A. do for its members that it is not doing now? . . . John Hill, Temple. Introduce a master insurance policy at reduced rate to protect large collectors and dealers. No other state has it.

What can T.N.A. do to recruit and hold new members? . . . Louis Goodwin, Odessa. Every member should be a T.N.A. salesman. If each club (93 of them) would recruit 10 members each; add it up and watch it grow.

What can T.N.A. do to promote better exhibits? . . . Bob Medlar, Lubbock. Place more emphasis and public recognition on displays. Publicize winners and their exhibits. Prohibit repeated showing of displays at shows and conventions - it keeps fresh ideas from budding out. Exhibt rules should be revised and strengthened in the junior category.

What we can do for junior members that we are not now doing? . . . Mrs. Grace Curtis, San Antonio. Mrs. Curtis was ill and unable to attend

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U.S. COMMEMORATIVE —

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"The peace which concluded the third was broken by the massacre of St. Bartholomew, the most dreadful of the many crimes that marked this era of religious and civil warfare. It is generally believed that more than 20,000 were killed before the fanatical fury had abated."

In 1598, The Huguenots gained political control of France but settled in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and South Carolina. Although they were forbidden to leave France, hundreds of thousands escaped.

The obverse of the coin has the busts of Adm. Gaspard de Coligny of France and William the Silent of the Netherlands. Coligny was a leader of the Huguenots, and he lost his life at the massacre of St. Bartholomew in 1572.

William the Silent, prince of Orange, was active among the Huguenots. He was able to achieve independence for Holland by defeating Spain in 1581. His strong belief in religious tolerance made Holland a haven for the Huguenots.

The reverse of this coin has the ship "New Nederland" with dates 1624-1924 and the inscription "Huguenot Walloon Tercentenary Founding of New Netherland."

SILVER SHORTAGE QUANDARY

The United States government is faced with a major decision in its silver coins namely the dime, quarter and half dollar. Most authorities say the government must decide this year whether the silver content will be lowered to half or even less than half its present content or abandon the use of silver altogether in the minting of coins.

The plain act is that the U. S. is consuming more silver than is being produced. The Treasury Department's inventory of silver is one billion ounces. And it is estimated 400 million ounces will be used this year in industry and in our coins.

The Treasury Department has contracted with the Batelle Institute of Columbus, Ohio, whose specialty is metalurgy, to find an alloy to replace silver or be used with silver.

The silver committee of the American Mining Congress indicated it would support drastic cuts in the silver content of our current coins, as low as 30 per cent. However, the silver mines will strongly oppose the complete elimination of silver in our coins.

Senator Dominick of Colorado is recommending the issuance of a new series of coins containing a much lower silver content. Rep. White of Idaho is preparing legislation to introduce in Congress reducing the silver content of all U.S. coins.

Most authorities believe reducing the silver content in our present money would bring chaos, that "Gresham's Law" would take over - that is, the more valuable coins would disappear. W. L. Graham, Jr., author of "The Silver Crisis," says "Doubling is the only solution to this problem."

Doubling would mean that the present dime would become 20 cents, the quarter 50 cents, the half dollar 100 cents. There are no decimal marking on our present silver subsidiary coins.

The mint could strike 10, 25, and

CURRENT SILVER COINS
. . . Dime, Quarter, Half

50-cent coins with half the silver of our present coins. The price of silver would be fixed at $2.75 an ounce. The present price is $1.2929 per ounce. Graham quotes Franz Dick, outstanding world currency consultant: "Doubling is the best of a bad lot."

Graham admitted this would be a "windfall of billions of dollars to the U.S. and a small one for every-

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FUTURE CHANGE?—One proposal now pending before Congress to help alleviate the silver shortage is issuance of fractional currency (paper money worth fractions of a dollar). Such currency, as shown above, was used during the Civil War.

JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

What The Senior Club Should Do For The Junior Club

By Philip Leonard,
Harlingen, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was presented to T.N.A. district governors and club representatives attending the convention breakfast Saturday morning. Philip is president of the Young Numismatists of Harlingen, only junior club in Texas having membership in T.N.A.

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Ever since Mrs. Wally Gilmore, our district eight governor, handed me the subject I was to talk on at this T.N.A. breakfast, I've been wracking my brain trying to think of what to say. I'm supposed to tell the members what I think the senior club should do for the junior club. After much consideration I decided to bring it to the attention of our own club. We, the Young Numismatists of Harlingen, a group of interested and active young men, meet on the same evenings as the seniors, twice a month at the Central Power and Light Company building.

Our meetings, sponsored by Mrs. Ray Leonard since the origin of our club over two years ago, are conducted according to parliamentary procedure, in a spacious office with ample seating available. After our business session one of the senior members comes in and give us a five- to ten-minute talk on his particular interest in coins. The senior member sometimes brings along his collection and lets us examine it and holds an open forum for our benefit. Mrs. Gilmore usually visits us about this time and informs us about our next speaker.

The C.P. & L. Co. has given us refreshments at every meeting. After refreshments we hold a small auction of our own and then we are permitted to sit in on the senior or Harlingen Coin Club auction and bid if we have permission turned in by our parents.

We can not think of anything to ask of our senior members which

Charles Robinson, III, of San Benito was presented with the **BILL & CHRIS JOHNS SPECIAL JUNIOR EXHIBIT AWARD** at the March T.N.A. convention. The award is given annually to a junior T.N.A. member exhibiting the most outstanding display at convention time. Young Robinson is author and publisher of the popular book "Coins of Guatemala."

they have not already given us; rather we feel it our duty and obligation to personally thank each and every member for making us welcome and to do our utmost to be an asset to the organization. We, the Young Numismatists of Harlingen, after due consideration can only offer our own Harlingen Coin Club as an example to other clubs which are interested in furthering their young peoples' interest in numismatics.

The young miss above is Billie Johns from Houston who scored second in the T.N.A. junior exhibit project. Billie is very active in junior numismatic circles and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johns.

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Help! Help! Help!

Bob Medlar, Lubbock, T.N.A. district governor, writes:

"In my collection of Texas Merchant tokens is one from Del Rio. It is aluminum, 7/8" in diameter. On obverse: 'F. Cuellar, Del Rio, Tex.' with a reeded border. On reverse: '1 Sheep', and same border.

"Can anyone tell me what it was used for? Sheepshearer token, trade token? When? Where? Who? How? Who else has one? I'd appreciate the knowledge. Bob Medlar, 4516 48th St., Lubbock, Texas.

Above are Ronnie Poff, left, and Larry Tester of San Angelo proudly displaying their trophies recently won in the T.N.A. youth project under the leadership of Mrs. Chris Johns of Houston. The project called for juniors to exhibit at Texas coin shows and convention and to keep score on points received. Larry placed first with the highest number of points recorded and Ronnie took third place.

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the convention; but we all know she has encouraged the juniors and also beginners whenever it was possible for her to do so.

The paper read before the group by Philip Leonard, Harlingen, is reprinted on the Junior Readin' Roundup page of this issue of the TNA News.

What can be done about the pedlers and pocket dealers that are damaging the paying dealers? . . . Bob Boriskie, College Station. Established dealers have a high overhead; pocket dealers do not. Collectors do not realize the cost of attending show — travel and hotel expense. Full-time dealers are beginning to cancel tables at shows or just not scheduling them due to the pocket dealers being able to sell cheaper.

THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR

Editor

April 1, 1965

Mrs. Wally Gilmore
TNA News, Box 74
Weslaco, Texas

Dearest Miriam,

I grab for the TNA News and read it from cover to cover without stopping, for sheer pleasure — and then re-read it for insurance, to make sure I miss none of the valuable knowledge.

It occurred to me, during a recent, rare meditative moment, that I take for granted you know how much I enjoy, respect and admire the TNA News. It is one of the finest publications of its type to come into our offices.

T.N.A. is fortunate to have such an important link in its communications. So is the entire hobby, for that matter.

Would I be accused of partiality if I pointed out that the TNA News thus far has been guided by feminine hands – initially by the founding editor, Mrs. A. I. (Doris) Martin, and now by you, so capable, professional and balanced, in your editorial presentation?

What I'm trying to say, girl, is "well done."

Sincerely,
COIN WORLD
Signed:
Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Executive Editor

Thank you, Margo, and we are sharing our letter as we feel that it is such a tribute and compliment to the membership of the Texas Numismatic Association; and to our fine publisher, Clark Coursey, and his staff. Without these wonderful friends, the TNA News' mail box would be empty of such special honors.

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COMMEMORATIVE HALVES —

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one with a few silver coins." He also said it will stop foreign governments from buying from our treasury at $1.29 per ounce. Also, Graham said this could "initiate dehoarding immediately."

Rep. Paul A. Fino of New York has introduced a bill in the House to authorize the issuance of fractional currency to relieve the shortage of coins. Fractional currency was used for several years during the Civil War and is still legal tender.

One thing seems certain: Congress will change our present coins. Will it be another metal, doubling, fractional currency of something else? We should know soon.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 8-9

VICTORIA COIN CLUB 4th annual coin show. Continental Inn, Victoria, Texas. Contact Graves L. Rouse, Pres., Box 1183, Victoria, Tex.

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MAY 15-16

CLEBURNE COIN CLUB annual coin show. Contact Virginia Beasley, sec., Box 541, Cleburne, Tex.

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MAY 15-16

HIDALGO COIN CLUB 2nd annual coin show, Echo Motor Hotel, Edinburg, Tex. Milton Shrank, gen. chrm., 1120 N. 15th, McAllen, Tex. Bourse chrm. Wally Gilmore, Box 74, Weslaco, Tex., 78596.

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MAY 15-16

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB show. Write Mrs. Barbara Ellis, club sec., 2016 Buffalo Terrace, Houston, Tex. 77019.

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MAY 15-16

LEA COUNTY COIN CLUB, 3rd annual coin show, The Inn Motel, Hobbs, New Mex. Write Douglas W. Weaver, Drawer I, Jal. New Mex.

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MAY 15-16

Seventh **EAST TEXAS NUMISMATIC COIN SHOW & CONVENTION**, Downtowner Motor Inn, Longview, Texas. Contact Longview Texas Coin Club, Mrs. Weldon Grimsley, Sec.

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MAY 22-23

GRAND PRAIRIE COIN CLUB 4th annual coin show, City Recreation Bldg., 601 Grand Prairie Rd. D. B. Nichols bourse chrm., Box 504 Grand Prairie, Tex.

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JUNE 3-4

Coin Show, co-sponsored by **BIG D COINERS & DALLAS COIN CLUBS**, Preston State Bank lobby. No bourse.

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JUNE 5-6

GREATER ORANGE COIN SHOW, 3rd annual event, Jack Tar Orange House ballroom, E. F. White, chrm., 434 Wikes, Cts., Orange, Texas.

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JUNE 4-6

COINARAMA, hosted by San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, El Cortez Hotel Convention Center, San Diego, Calif. Contact R. E. Martin, 1141 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92101.

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JUNE 12-13

NORTH TEXAS & SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA coin show, Wichita Falls, Maskat Shrine Temple. Contact T. L. O'Steen, sec. 1718 Marshall, Vernon, Texas 76384.

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JUNE 18-20

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, 2nd annual show, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif. Harvey L. Rose, gen. chrm.

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JUNE 24-27

RETAIL COIN DEALERS ASSN. 2nd annual convention, Onondaga War Memorial Bldg., Syracuse, N.Y.

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JUNE 26-27

TREASURE ISLAND COIN CLUB'S third annual coin show, Galveston, Tex. E. E. White, gen. chrm.

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JULY 10-11

KEY CITY COIN CLUB, 5th an-

nual show, Sands Motor Hotel, Abilene. D. R. Pratt gen. chrm. 209 N. Mockingbird, Abilene, Tex.

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AUGUST 25-28

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN. 74th convention Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas. A. I. Martin gen. chrm. 6207 Chevy Chase, Houston, Tex.

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SEPTEMBER 4-5

CENTRAL TEXAS COIN CLUB annual coin show. Cow House Hotel, Killeen, Tex. Contact J. C. Moore, 112 E. Avenue D, Killeen, Tex.

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SEPTEMBER 11-12

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB 5th annual coin show. Address club at Box 87, San Angelo, Tex.

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SEPTEMBER 18-19

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, 5th annual coin show, Ridgewood Motel, Beaumont. Write T. G. Brown, bourse chrm., 3555 Sleepy Lane or F. J. McMillan, gen. chrm., 1879 Roberts Ave., Beaumont, Tex.

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SEPTEMBER 18-19

AUSTIN TEXAS COIN CLUB annual coin show, Villa Carpi. Send inquiries to club at Box 139, Austin, Texas.

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SEPTEMBER 25-26

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB 4th annual coin show, Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Texas. Contact Jack Hendrix, bourse chrm., 510 Conner Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

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OCTOBER 2-3

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Sweetwater. 1st annual show. Holiday Center. Write Mrs. Ben G. Monroe, 716 E. Arizona, Rt 3 Sweetwater Texas.

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OCTOBER 9-10

GREATER SAN ANTONIO 6th annual coin convention. Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Tex. Hosts: San Antonio, Alamo, Gateway Coin Clubs. Gen. Chrm.: Harley Yarber, Jr.; Bourse: S. M. "Mac" Kennady, 107 Dawnridge Dr., San Antonio, 78213.

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OCTOBER 23-24

BIG SPRING COIN CLUB show, Big Spring, Tex. Details later.

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OCTOBER 30-31

LIBERTY COIN CLUB annual show, Corpus Christi, Tex. Details later.

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NOVEMBER 6-7

ANGELS, INC., 2nd annual coin and gun show, Market Hall, Dallas, Tex. Non-Profit organization for educating and training the mentally retarded. Address: Box 18581, Dallas.

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NOVEMBER 12-14

TIP-O-TEXAS COLLECTORS' ASSN., 3rd Wildcat Show, Civic Center, Brownsville, Texas. Write Jimmy Hollon, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville.

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NOVEMBER 13-14

PERMIAN BASIN COIN SHOW, Odessa Coin Club, Lincoln Hotel, Odessa, Texas.

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COLOR CONTROLLED

Color in gold for jewelry is controlled by the metal used in the alloy.

TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

Jack O. Hendrix
Governor

The dates for the **Fort Worth Coin Show** were mistakenly reported to the TNA News and should be September 25 and 26. Please correct your calendars. The event will be held at the Hotel Texas.

"Friendship Through Numismatics" is the title selected by the club members for National Coin Week participation, with displays being placed in banks and coin shops in Fort Worth and neighboring towns. The Mayor of Fort Worth issued a proclamation naming Coin Week in the City. In February, Governor John Connally designated Texas Coin Week for April 24 - May 1. Col. Raymond W. Darrah is club chairman.

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Plans for the fourth annual coin and stamp show sponsored by the **North Texas & Southern Oklahoma Numismatic Association** are progressing with dates set for June 12 and 13. The Maskat Temple in downtown Wichita Falls is where the event will take place.

Co-hosting the show are the **Wichita County Coin Club** and the **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club.** William Rust is general chairman and all inquiries should be addressed to Box 1538, Wichita Falls, Texas.

DISTRICT TWO:

Louis R. Goodwin
Governor

The **Odessa Coin Club** was privileged to hear two speakers at their recent meeting at the First National Bank community room.

Hollice Clark spoke on type coins and pointed out that George and Martha Washington donated their personal silver service to the Philadelphia Mint for the striking of the first coins in 1792.

Mary Wright gave a talk on the popular Maria Theresa thaler. She presented a biographical sketch of the famous lady. The coin bearing her portrait is still used in the area of the Red Sea.

During the business session, W. M. Allison, vice-president, presided as Louis Goodwin, president, was away attending the T.N.A. convention.

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DISTRICT THREE:

Mrs. Homer B. Casey
Governor

A telegram from United States Senator John G. Tower was read to members of the **San Angelo Coin Club**, wherein Sen. Tower had requested the Secretary of the Treasury to postpone further ac-

tion on the gold coin seizures and then proposed melting.

The club had registered a protest regarding the seizure of the gold coins from the Witte Museum in San Antonio all of which had been minted after April 4, 1933 and considered illegal to possess.

Senator Tower had asked for additional time for serious consideration of the feasibility of introducing legislation to the Senate to provide generally for acquisition and holding by non-profit educational institutions, one specimen of each gold coin and medal minted after the above date.

The San Angelo club is the first T.N.A. life member club and E. H. Brooks presented the members with the membership card. Mrs. Homer B. Casey, who received the T.N.A. Lewis Reagan Memorial Award, proudly displayed the beautifully engraved medal presented to her.

Larry Tester and Ronnie Poff, first and third place winners in the T.N.A. youth program exhibit contest, were presented with their trophies as they were unable to attend the annual convention.

The evening's program was given by Weldon Sutber on commemorative coins and illustrated his talk by displaying a complete set of the commemoratives.

Exhibits were brought by Bob Bailey currency of the British Isles; James Peterson, sets of Roosevelt dimes and Jefferson nickels; and Lee Beard, set of Mercury dimes.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 6 at the Town House Hotel.

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An interesting talk on rare and scarce coins was given by D. W. Bobo of Odessa before members of the **Mitchell County Coin Club** in April at the Villa Inn in Colorado City. Mr. Bobo illustrated his talk with a display of coins.

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The **Key City Coin Club** held its regular meeting at the Sands Motel in Abilene and heard a report on the T.N.A. convention by Mrs. Beth Geiger, newly elected T.N.A. secretary.

D. R. Pratt has been named general chairman for the July 10-11 coin show to be held at the Sands Motel and all letters should be sent to him at 209 N. Mockingbird, Abilene, Texas 79603.

Some nice prizes will be awarded in the coming months to winners of a membership drive which began April 1 and will end in June. Included are gold pieces, proof sets and uncirculated coins for those bringing in the most members during the three-months' drive.

Also planned was a bourse to be held on April 25 from 1 to 5 P.M. at the Sands.

The club meets the first Thursday and all visitors are welcome.

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The **Big Spring Coin Club** has voted not to enter National Coin Week this year. The club has been a winner for the past two years. Twenty-five attended the meeting at the Settles Hotel and guests were welcomed from Loraine and Snyder. Doris McKee, president, conducted the business session.

Dr. Bruce Johnson suggested that all delinquent members be contacted by telephone in an attempt to create renewed interest in coin collecting and the coin club. Lists are being printed and will be assigned to volunteers who will make the calls.

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Fractional currency was the topic selected by E. H. Brooks when he spoke to members of the **Nolan County Coin Club** of Sweetwater. Mr. Brooks showed specimens of the currency and explained the different

types and how to collect it.

The club will hold its first annual show at the Holiday Center on October 2-3 with only fourteen tables to be reserved for dealers. More details will be announced later.

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DISTRICT FIVE:

Mrs. Margo Russell, Sidney, Ohio, executive editor of Coin World, was guest speaker at the March meeting of the **Big D Coiners Club** of Dallas when they met at the Dallas Federal Savings & Loan building in Preston Center.

Mrs. Russell spoke on the birth of Coin World, the exciting adventures she has had in her traveling, the important women in numismatics, the letters arriving at the C.W. offices, the controversy over the new composition of coins, the recent cases of robbery, and the counterfeiting of coins.

The Big D and the **Dallas Coin Club** will jointly sponsor a coin show on June 3-4 in the lobby of the Preston State Bank. Visiting hours on Thursday will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no bourse.

One hundred and ninety-six attended the March meeting to hear Mrs. Russell. The next meeting was scheduled for April 28.

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The **Grand Prairie Coin Club** is hosting its fourth annual coin show on May 22 and 23 at the City Recreation building at 601 Grand Prairie Road. D. B. Nichols is bourse chairman and can be reached at Box 504, Grand Prairie, Texas.

The public is invited to visit the show and to buy, trade or sell and enjoy North Texas hospitality.

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DISTRICT SIX:

The second annual coin show and bourse sponsored by the **Bellaire Coin Club** will be held May 15 and 16 at the Bellaire Community Hall, 300 S. Rice, Bellaire.

There will be prizes awarded for the best displays and the collector will be able to find anything he desires at the bourse — whether it be foreign or United States—in all categories.

Any inquiries may be addressed to Joe F. Johnson, bourse chairman, 10610 Ambursen, Houston, Texas, 77034, or Sy Grossman, publicity chairman, Box 66912, Houston, 77-006.

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Members of the **La Marque Coin Club** enjoyed a swap session at the April meeting and reports were heard on the T.N.A. convention by Ruby Threlkeld, Marye Allen and E. E. White.

The 1964-65 T.N.A. history book was on display for members to view.

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New officers have been announced for the **Treasure Island Coin Club** of Galveston with Ray Barfield to head the group as president. Others include Ben R. Powell, vice-president; Dick Waterman, secretary; Emil J. Cordray, treasurer; and A. A. Elfstrom and Willie Lloyd, trustees.

The new officers will be installed at a dinner party planned for members at the Sea View Cafe on May 4.

Retiring president Albert Janke reported that ten volumes of numismatic books had been donated to the Rosenburg Library by the club.

E. E. White, general chairman for the annual coin show on June 26-27, announced committees for the event which will be held at the Hotel Galvez.

Mr. White, will be in charge of bourse; Clarence C. Nyberg and Dick Waterman, publicity; Ray Barfield, finance; F. R. Ripley, Hugh Threlkeld and Waterman, exhibits; awards' breakfast, Ruby Threlkeld; J. C. Roc, Josephine Leroux, Dorothy

Denlin, A. J. Roloe, W. L. Lloyd, registration and John Houston and Wesley Dover, insurance and special tickets.

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A well-documented story on the Maundy coinage of Great Britain appeared in the April issue of the "Double Shift" published monthly by the **Greater Houston Coin Club.** The article, written by Mrs. Chris Johns, was entitled "Maundy Thursday — A Numismatic Tradition."

A program on Biblical coins was scheduled for the April 16 meeting at Bill Bennett's Grill. Expected to be on display were specimens of Bible coins from the collection of Mrs. Doris Martin.

Club members were reminded that in the hustle and bustle of A.N.A. convention activities, not to forget that the Greater Houston club will again have their annual Money Show in February, 1966 at the Rice Hotel and urged the members to volunteer for committee duties.

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Frank O Sullivan
Governor

Alvin E. Russell, an officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Antonio was scheduled to be the guest speaker April 23 at the monthly meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** in San Antonio.

DISTRICT EIGHT:

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Paul Cheeseman was elected to serve as president of the **Kingsville Coin Club** due to the resignation of Charles Foster. Cheeseman had been recently elected as vice-president. Marvin Hamilton will take over as vice-president and Harold Samuelson will be program chairman.

Members have asked that the club enforce the rule of courtesy at meetings, according to the club bulletin. During previous meetings, the noise and talking has been most distracting to the officers attempting to conduct a business meeting, the speakers and the auctioneer.

Meetings in May were set for the 11th and 25th at the Kleberg Court House in Kingsville.

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The **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi had the pleasure of hearing the club president, James Meadows, talk on developments over the years in the control of gold, both coins and currency. He gave a brief outline of the proposed legislation now in Congress regarding gold and its future.

Joe B. Davis, T.N.A. convention chairman, gave a report on the recent convention. Everyone seemed to agree that the show was a success and that everyone had an enjoyable and profitable time.

Thirty-eight members and guests attended the meeting held at the Nueces Hotel.

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The four coin clubs of Corpus Christi participated in National Coin Week by placing exhibits in banks

and local stores. The clubs are **Liberty, Corpus Christi, World Coins,** and **Naval Base.**

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The **Rio Grande Valley Numismatic Association** met in April at the First National Bank in Weslaco. Ernest Marchant presented the program on United States commemorative coins.

Mrs. Margaret Snowden had charge of the program in March and held a discussion on United States coinage and in particular the Indian Head cent and the engraver, Longacre.

The group meets on the third Thursday for the study of numismatics and has no officers or dues. Everyone is invited.

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The third "Wildcat Show" sponsored by the **Tip-O-Texas Collector's Association** will be held on November 12, 13 and 14 at the mammoth, air-conditioned Civic Center in Brownsville.

It will be the place to buy, sell or trade guns, coins, rocks, Indian relics, antiques, etc. For further information contact Jimmy Hollon, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville, Texas.

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The **Willacy County Coin Club** met recently at the Ramon Hotel in Raymondville with 20 members and guests present. A report on the T.N.A. governors' and club representatives' breakfast was given by Doris Drachenberg.

Mrs. Stella Williams reported on the S.T.A.C.C. meeting which she and Mrs. Drachenberg attended in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Williams, club president, appointed a nominating committee, Wally Gilmore, Robert Pitts and Jim Cawthorn, to present a slate of new officers at the next meeting.

The program on animal coins of the world was given by Mrs. Drachenberg assisted by her daughter, Sharon, who exhibited her numismatic zoo.

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DISTRICT NINE:

R. E. Medlar
Governor

The **Amarillo Coin Club** annual show was held April 9, 10 and 11 at the Holiday Inn West in Amarillo. Mike Powell was general chairman; and Robert E. Snyder was in charge of bourse.

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DISTRICT TEN:

An average attendance of 80 has been present at the weekly meetings of the **International Coin Club** in El Paso to enjoy trading sessions and auctions. Plans are being made for a Fall coin show and will be announced shortly.

Charles Vice, district ten governor, and Bob Messimer, who attended the T.N.A. convention, gave a report to the group at the first meeting in April.

The club meets at 4005 Montana each Thursday and the mailing address is Box 3756, El Paso, Texas 79923.

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from the librarian

T.N.A. Memorial Library

Wally Gilmore

Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596

T.N.A. President Floyd Covill has appointed Louis R. Goodwin, Odessa, and M. D. Turner, San Benito, to serve on the library committee. If this committee can be of any service to you with your library needs or

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from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Beth D. Geiger

1441 N Mockingbird, Abilene, Tex. 79603

(The report for the May issue of the TNA News was prepared by Mrs. Homer B. Casey, immediate past secretary, due to Mrs. Geiger being hospitalized.)

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Applicants # 1253 - 1294 and C-105 as published in the May News have been mailed membership cards, yearbooks, and other materials.

Applications for Membership

If no objections are filed prior to June 1, the following applicants will become members on that date.

1293 (D-4) J. D. Henninger, 833 W. 12th St., Austin, Tex. 78701. Coin Dealer. E. M. Rice and Lyman C. Bartee.

1296 (D-4) Mrs. M. D. Follett, 3725 Herwol St., Waco, Tex. United States. Joe E. Fabbre and L. E. Walters.

1297 (D-6) Joe O. Norwood, 1214 Chippendale St., Houston, Tex. 77-018. U. S. General. Sy Grossman and Gene James.

A-1298 (D-8) Mrs. W. E. McNeely, 1410 Casa De Oro St. Corpus Christi, Tex. 78411. Mexican and Crowns. W. E. McNeely.

1299 (D-4) David Bland, Jr., 5322 G. Balcones, Austin, Tex. General. Thomas R. Matthews, Jr., and Lyman C. Bartee.

1300 (D-5) Burt Ford, Jr., 7025 Hillgreen Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75214. General. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zaremba.

1301 (D-7) J. H. Howard, Box 536, Pearsall, Tex. 78061. General. W. C. Ford and E. Hannemann

1302 (D-8) Mrs. Josephine D. Gilbert, Box 9104, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78401. Mexican Coins. Mrs. Jeannette C. Green and Mrs. Wally Gilmore.

A-1303 (D-8) Robert L. Gilbert, Sr., Box 111, Robstown, Tex. 78380. Mexican Coins. Mrs. Jeannette C. Green and Josephine D. Gilbert.

1304 William A. Grayson, 1334 N.E. 163rd St., North Miami Beach, Fla. Coin Dealer. R. J. Watters and John S. Syphrett

1305 Sidney W Smith, 2512 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33137. Professional Numismatist. John S. Syphrett and R. J. Watters.

1306 Errol B. Resnick, 4700 Lenmore St., Orlando, Fla. Coin Dealer. Mrs. Homer B. Casey and Hirsh N. Schwartz.

A-1307 (D-2) Mrs. John P. Godwin, Drawer Q, McCamey, Tex. 79752. U.S. General. E. H. Brooks.

1308 (D-8) Ernest Klatt, Jr., Box 47, Bruni, Tex. 78344. General. Chris Johns.

1309 (D-8) C. O. Wilkinson, 3615 Topeka St., Corpus Christi, Tex. General. Bob Bridges.

1310 (D-8) Dr. John J. Califa, Box 1368, Kingsville, Tex. 78363. U.S. General. Beth Geiger.

1311 (D-8) Mike LaFrance, 625 Gregory, Apt. 73, Corpus Christi, Tex. U.S. Coins. Bob Bridges.

1312 (D-6) L. C. Manning, 5002

Poinciana Dr., Houston, Tex. 77018. U.S. Only. Wm. F. Yokem, Sr.

1313 (D-1) M. A. Withers, 2500 Ryan Place Dr., Fort Worth, Tex. 76110. Coin Dealer. E. H. Brooks.

1314 (D-3) Jim Tom Jones III, 2021 Vaughn St., San Angelo, Tex. General. E. H. Brooks.

A-1315 (D-3) Mrs. Jim Tom Jones, III, 2021 Vaughn St., San Angelo, Tex. General. E. H. Brooks.

J-1316 (D-8) Mark Putman, 3333 Brawner Park, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415. General. Bob Bridges and Mrs. Ivan L. Martin.

1317 (D-8) Frank G. Russell, 142 W. Vanderbilt, Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415. U.S. General. Bob Bridges.

A-1318 (D-8) Mrs. Frank G. Russell, 142 W. Vanderbilt. Corpus Christi, Tex. 78415. U.S. General. Bob Bridges.

1319 (D-9) John F. Ward, Box 1292, Plainview, Tex. 79073. United States. Lloyd E. Buss.

1320 (D-8) William G. Cotten, 4954 Nell St., Corpus Christi, Tex. Coins of all Countries. Bob Bridges.

1321 (D-2) Mrs. Velma Livezey, Box 205, Cayanosa, Tex. 79730. General. Louis R. Goodwin.

1322 (D-8) Oliver A. Taylor, Jr., Box 517, Alamo, Tex. 78516. U.S. Only. J. C. Cawthorn.

1323 (D-8) Dr. Hector D. Luviano, 1112 Maple St., McAllen, Tex. Mexico. J. C. Cawthorn.

C-106 (D-9) Denver City Coin Club, Box 994, Denver City, Tex. 79323. Pres. J. D. Birdwell.

C-107 (D-6) Metropolitan Coin Club, 11526 Wendover Lane, Houston, Tex. 77024. President: W. C. Bryant.

C-108 (D-5) Garland-Richardson Coin Club, c/o C. E. Koder, 2932 Old Orchard St., Garland, Tex. Pres.: V. J. VanCleave.

Reinstatements

120 E. M. Rice, 212 Westhaven Dr., Austin 4, Tex.

681 Mrs. U. L. Beard, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo, Tex. 76903.

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Address Changes

15 Mrs. Earl D. Whitley, 6023 E. University Blvd., Apt. 105, Dallas, Tex.

723 Jackie R. Wade, Box 815, Uvalde, Tex.

706 W. C. Talafuse, 1501 Stadium St., Big Spring, Tex. 79720.

A-707 Mrs. W. C. Talafuse, 1501 Stadium St, Big Spring, Tex. 79720.

J-933 Carroll Talafuse, 1501 Stadium St., Big Spring, Tex. 79720.

852 Clarence Kalkhoff, 127 Rainbow Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78209.

1171 Harold Scherz, c/o Bank of Austin, Austin, Tex.

1262 Mrs. Kathleen Reynolds, Box 30131, Dallas, Tex. 75230.

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A.N.A. Building Fund Gets Texas Donations

Checks in the amount of $465.00 have been forwarded to Don Sherer, executive secretary of the American Numismatic Association, representing the following donations:

Texas Numismatic Association, $250.00; Perryton Coin Club, $100.-00; Odessa Coin Club and West of the Pecos Coin Club, $25.00 each; Dr. John H. Swanson, $20.00; Victoria Numismatic Club, Waxahachie Coin Club, Mesquite Coin Club, E. H. Brooks, $10.00 each; and Grayson County Coin Club (Sherman), $5.00.

It has been announced that the proposed A.N.A. home and headquarters will be located in Omaha, Neb., with Colorado Springs, Colo. selected as second choice.

T.N.A. members and clubs have been generous in their donations to the A.N.A. project and many have been sent direct to the association, while those listed above delayed theirs to be sent in the group donation.

from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

107 Dawnridge Dr San Antonio, Tex. 78213

Balance on hand as of 3-15-65		$3,560.44
Receipts:		
TNA dues	$744.00	
TNA News ads	220.70	
Donation to ANA Bldg. Fund	20.00	
Donations to TNA Memorial Library	10.00	
Ticket Sales to Gov. & Reps. Bkfast.	7.00	1,001.70
		$4,562.14

Disbursements:		
Print and mail TNA News for March 1965	$334.30	
TNA News editor, travel allow. and petty cash	58.57	
Miniature TNA News for Convention	55.30	
Misc. printing	3.50	
TNA Officer's bonds	20.00	
TNA President's expenses	25.00	
TNA Secretary petty cash fund	50.00	
TNA Historian's expenses	6.63	
Dist. Governor's postage	7.55	
Awards committee phone call	10.52	
Awards for Youth Program	40.53	
Book for TNA Library	10.00	
ANA Building Fund (see below)	465.00	1,086.90
Balance on hand as of 4-15-65		$3,475.24

NOTE: The above balance includes the TNA Memorial Library Fund:

Previous balance	$233.13	
Plus donations this month	10.00	
		243.13
Less expenditures this month	10.00	
Present balance	$233.13	

NOTE: The ANA Building Fund is closed out this month as follows:

Contributions from members and clubs	$215.00
Contributions from TNA	250.00
Total contributions from TNA, members and clubs	$465.00

FROM THE LIBRARIAN —

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wants, please contact them. Of course, I will be ready to assist in any way for your benefit.

A list of library books available has been mimeographed and a copy may be obtained by writing either to me or the T.N.A. Secretary, Mrs. Beth Geiger. This list is up to March 15 only; so please add the following books to your list:

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DONOR: Dr. John H. Swanson:

The Federal Reserve System - Purposes & Functions: Board of Governors of F.R.S., 1954.

World War II Military Currency; Raymond S. Toy, 1964.

Depression Scrip of the U.S.; Charles V. Kappen & Ralph A. Mitchell, 1961 with valuation chart.

Descriptive List of Old Paper Money Issued in Ohio; D. C. Wismer, 1932.

New York Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money, D. C. Wismer, 1931.

Paper Money in Sheets, John A. Muscalus, 1949, with price list.

State Bank Notes of Michigan, Harold L. Bowen, 1956, with price list, 1959.

Criswell's Currency Series, Vol. I, Confederate & Southern State Currency, Grover C. & Clarence L. Criswell, 1957.

Canadian Banks and Bank-Notes, C. S. Howard, 1961.

The Paper Money of Mexico - 1822 - 1864, Gayton - Utberg, 1964.

Money History of Japan (A Translation), editing & notes by Hitoshi Kozono & Alan D. Craig 1964; with copy in Japanese fully illustrated.

Orden (Orders) in German language, color illustrations of medals.

DONOR: Mrs. Augusta Folda:

A Guide to the Principal Coins of the Greeks, Trustees of the British Museum, London, 1959.

DONOR: Joe B. Davis:

Historia Numismatica de Mexico, de 1823 a 1950, Alberto Francisco Pradean, Vols. I, II, III, 1957, 1960, 1961, in the Spanish language.

DONOR: Clyde Hubbard:

America's Foreign Coins, Oscar G. Schilke & Ralph E. Solomon, 1964.

KING RANCH TOUR - AS I SAW IT

By Virginia Moon,
Corpus Christi, Texas

A special attraction during the T.N.A. convention was the King Ranch tour. Twenty T.N.A. members and guests boarded a city bus at one p.m. Sunday afternoon, March 28, for a delightful four-hour drive. Al Sirkel, driver of the bus, acted as our guide up to the King Ranch gate and pointed out places of interest along the 40-mile ride.

When we reached the entrance to King Ranch, we were joined by Paul Cheeseman, Kingsville Coin Club president, his charming wife, Margaret Carolyn, and Ray Anderson, charter club member. Mr. Anderson took over as our guide, relating and explaining the most interesting phases and operations of the Ranch, which is an empire within itself.

We saw hundreds of well-fed, pure-bred Santa Gertrudis cattle, a cross between white-faced herefords and brahmas; then, were guided to some of the race-horse stalls, or, those being groomed for race horses. We had a look at Assault, three-time winner, who is now termed a "has been."

It is interesting to note that the ranch has its own school system, one of the richest in the nation; a full-stocked commissary, where the 500, or more, ranch employees purchase the major portion of their groceries and other supplies.

The live stock are attended by trainers, breeders and veterinarians, some of them maintaining their homes on the ranch. Once a year a public auction is held in the huge auction pens of the ranch, where buyers from all over the world vie in the bidding on quarter horses and Santa Gertrudis bulls. Our party missed this event by a few weeks,

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ON TRADE DOLLARS . . . . .

A coin never mentioned outside numismatic circles is the trade dollar. Also called thalers, talers and pieces of eight. These coins were used for exchange outside the country minting them.

When Spain was a world power with far-flung commerce, she sent ships and traders around the world and with them went the Spanish dollar, or piece of eight. This dollar became a world-wide medium of exchange. They were current in the Spanish Americas and in wide use in British American colonies. Since Mexico produced more than a third of the world's silver supply and was a Spanish possession, a large per cent of these were minted in Mexico.

When U.S. trade with China was expanding in the mid-19th century, American traders accepted the Mexican dollars. This irked U.S. silver producers, so the government adopted a coin similar in size and value as the standard U.S. dollar. The U.S. trade dollar differed slightly from the standard coin.

The obverse showed Liberty seated on a bale of goods holding in her right hand an olive branch and in left a scroll on which is the word, "Liberty." On the reverse is the eagle with three arrows in its right claw, depicting power, and in its left claw an olive wreath, denoting justice.

The U.S. trade dollar was 90 per cent pure silver, the Mexican dollar was 97 per cent pure. While the U.S. trade dollar was heavier, it was worth less. This is why it was never as popular in the Far East as the Mexican dollar was. In 1887, Congress passed a law calling in trade dollars and giving six months for their exchange for standard dollars. This trade dollar is the only coin, outside gold, minted by the U.S. that is not legal tender today. But some of them still are in the Far East.

The Austrian Maria Theresa taler, first minted in 1780, is one of the most famous and beautiful trade dollars in the world. It came in vogue all over the Levant, Middle East and north and east Africa, particularly Ethiopia. Even to recent times natives of these countries refuse to accept any other coin.

Austria has continued to issue this coin over the years, to now. Nothing has been changed, not even the date. The reason is that natives of other countries refuse them unless they are as they always have been.

Italy issued Maria Theresa talers for use in Ethiopia after its conquest of that country in the 1930's, but Ethiopians refused to accept them, even though they looked genuine. It is said they can tell when this taler is not minted in Austria, though experts have a hard time determining.

Bourse Tables All Sold For L.A. Event

All bourse tables for the 1965 Convention of International Numismatics have been sold, according to Patsy Rose, bourse chaairman for the second annual event slated for the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel on June 18, 19, and 20. Mrs. Rose, who may be contacted at Box 577, La Mesa, California, 92043, also noted that a waiting list has been established, but that there is little liklihood of further space being made available.

Exhibit chairman Harold G. Bayaird has announced that outstanding exhibits still are being sought for the June event. Exhibits already promised by an enthusiastic group of international collectors and numismatics give all indications that the 1965 C.O.I.N. exhibits will be among the best this nation has seen.

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as this year's auction will be held around the middle of April.

Miles of fence rows all along the ranch roads are banked with cactus (Prickly Pear.) This is a sight to see, and, we found out that it is allowed to grow, as it is useful in keeping the stock from jumping fences; also, in dry times, when there is no grass, the cactus thorns are burned off, and the leaves fed to the cattle.

Before bidding us 'goodbye', Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cheeseman, representing the Kingsville club, treated up to coffee and cokes at a snack shop in town.

Mr. Sirkel, our driver-guide, brought us back to Corpus Christi over a different route, pointing out the many places of interest, such as Ray Senior High School, which, this year, has the largest number of graduates (approximately 940) in the city's history; also, lovely homes and gardens; churches, the city hall, scenic beach front, and back to the Driscoll Hotel at five o'clock.

Among these enjoying the tour were Vi Peters (Mrs. Jess) from Decatur, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morningstar, Radnor, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wozencraft, Big Spring, Texas; Mrs Jack Setzer, Shreveport, La.; and Mrs. Jim Chambers, Port Lovaca, Tex.

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7.	1818 25c vg
8.	1853 25c w/arrows & rays F
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10.	1893 Isabella 25c choice AU with proof-like surface
11.	1936S 25c Unc.
12.	1899 $1 Unc.
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